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In re:

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,

Debtors.¹

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Chapter 11

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO
(I) DESIGNATE OVERSTOCK.COM, INC. AS THE STALKING
HORSE BIDDER AND (II) ENTER INTO THE STALKING HORSE AGREEMENT

DATED: June 21, 2023

Honorable Vincent F. Papalia United States Bankruptcy Judge

The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby. The location of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered four (4) through and including five (5), is **ORDERED**.

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Upon the Debtors' Motion Seeking Entry of an Order (I) Approving the Auction and Bidding Procedures, (II) Approving Stalking Horse Bid Protections, (III) Scheduling Bid Deadlines and an Auction, (IV) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (V) Approving the Form APA, (VI) Establishing Notice and Procedures for the Assumption and Assignment of Contracts and Leases, (VII) Authorizing the Assumption and Assignment of Assumed Contracts, (VIII) Authorizing the Sale of Assets and (IX) Granting Related Relief,² (the "Motion") of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order (this "Order") (a) authorizing the Debtors to select Overstock.com (the "Buyer" or "Stalking Horse Bidder") as Stalking Horse Bidder pursuant to an asset purchase agreement (together with the schedules thereto and related documents, and as may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the ("Stalking Horse Agreement"), by and among certain of the Debtors, as sellers (collectively, the "Sellers") and the Buyer, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and (b) authorizing the Debtors to enter into the Stalking Horse Agreement, without need for any further hearing; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11 of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that no objections were timely filed in response to the Debtors' Notice of Selection of Stalking Horse Bidder [Docket No. 708] (the

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Bidding Procedures Order.

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"Stalking Horse Notice"); and this Court having found that the Stalking Horse Bidder is not an

"insider" or "affiliate" of any of the Debtors, as those terms are defined in section 101 of the

Bankruptcy Code, and no common identity of directors, officers, or controlling stockholders exists

among the Stalking Horse Bidder and the Debtors; and this Court having found that the Stalking

Horse Bidder and its counsel and advisors have acted in "good faith" within the meaning of section

363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code in connection with the Stalking Horse Bidder's negotiations of

the bid protections included in the Stalking Horse Notice and Stalking Horse Agreement (the "Bid

Protections") and entry into the Stalking Horse Agreement; and this Court having determined that

the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause

appearing therefor IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Debtors are authorized to designate Overstock.com, Inc. as Stalking Horse

Bidder with respect to the Acquired Assets (as defined in the Stalking Horse Agreement).

2. The Debtors are authorized to enter into the Stalking Horse Agreement, in

accordance with the terms of this Order and the Order (I) Approving the Auction and Bidding

Procedures, (II) Approving Stalking Horse Bid Protections, (III) Scheduling Bid Deadlines and an

Auction, (IV) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, and (V) Granting Related Relief

[Docket No. 92] (the "Bidding Procedures Order").

3. The Stalking Horse Agreement shall be deemed a Qualified Bid, subject to higher

or otherwise better offers at the Auction.

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4. The Debtors are authorized to perform any and all obligations set forth in the Stalking Horse Agreement that are intended to be performed prior to the Sale Hearing and prior to entry of the Sale Order.

- 5. The Bid Protections for the Stalking Horse Bidder are approved in their entirety. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay any amounts that may become due to the Stalking Horse Bidder on account of the Bid Protections on the terms set forth in the Stalking Horse Agreement.
- 6. The Debtors' notice of the Stalking Horse Agreement was (i) appropriate and reasonably calculated to provide all interested parties with timely and proper notice, (ii) in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules, and (iii) adequate and sufficient under the circumstances of these chapter 11 cases, and no other or further notice is required. A reasonable opportunity to object or be heard regarding the relief granted by this Order has been afforded to all interested persons and entities.
- 7. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) or otherwise, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon entry.
- 8. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).
- 9. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Exhibit A

Stalking Horse Agreement

EXECUTION VERSION

ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JUNE 12, 2023 BY AND AMONG BED BATH & BEYOND INC., OVERSTOCK.COM, INC.

AND THE OTHER PARTIES SIGNATORY HERETO

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ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made as of June 12, 2023 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), by and among Overstock.com, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Buyer</u>"), and Bed Bath & Beyond Inc., a New York corporation ("<u>BBBY</u>"), and certain Subsidiaries of BBBY set forth on <u>Annex A</u> hereto (collectively and together with BBBY and each other Subsidiary of BBBY that has a right, title and interest in the Acquired Assets or Assumed Liabilities, "<u>Sellers</u>" and each individually a "<u>Seller</u>"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein have the meaning set forth in Article I.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Sellers are engaged in the business of marketing, providing and selling merchandise, interior design, home furnishings and related accessories and services under or in connection with the "BED BATH & BEYOND" brand and the other Trademarks identified on Section 2.1(a) of the Disclosure Schedules (collectively, the "Business"), as well as marketing, providing, and selling baby-related merchandise, baby specialty products, beauty supplies and other related accessories and services under or in connection with the "HARMON" and "buybuyBaby" brands and the other Trademarks identified on Section 2.2(a) of the Disclosure Schedules (collectively, the "Excluded Businesses");

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2023, Sellers filed a voluntary petition for relief (the "<u>Filing</u>") commencing a case under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>");

WHEREAS, Buyer has delivered, or is delivering within one Business Day of the Effective Date, to the Deposit Escrow Agent an amount in cash equal to 10% of the Cash Consideration (the "Deposit") in immediately available funds pursuant to the terms of the Bidding Procedures Order;

WHEREAS, Sellers believe, following consultation with their financial advisors and consideration of available alternatives, that, in light of the current circumstances, a sale of certain of Sellers' intellectual property and other assets as provided herein is necessary to preserve and maximize value, and is in the best interest of Sellers, their creditors, and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, Sellers desire to sell to Buyer all of the Acquired Assets (defined below) and transfer to Buyer the Assumed Liabilities (defined below) and Buyer desires to purchase from Sellers all of the Acquired Assets and assume all of the Assumed Liabilities, in each case upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, the execution and delivery of this Agreement and Sellers' ability to consummate the transactions set forth in this Agreement are subject to, among other things, the entry of the Sale Order under, *inter alia*, Sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to consummate the proposed transactions set forth in this Agreement as promptly as practicable after the Bankruptcy Court enters the Sale Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises herein made, and in consideration of the representations, warranties and covenants herein contained, the

receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

- Section 1.1 <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified or referenced below.
 - "Acquired Assets" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.
- "Advisors" means, with respect to any Person, any directors, officers, employees, investment bankers, financial advisors, accountants, agents, attorneys, consultants, or other representatives of such Person.
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person and as of any relevant time, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such other Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have correlative meanings.
 - "Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
 - "Agreement Dispute" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.13.
 - "Allocation" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(a).
 - "Allocation Objection Notice" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(a).
- "Alternative Transaction" means any transaction (or series of transactions), whether direct or indirect, whereby any Person or group of Persons (other than Sellers and their Affiliates or Buyer and its Affiliates) acquires a material portion of the Acquired Assets, in each case whether by merger, sale of assets or equity, recapitalization, plan of reorganization or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither (i) a liquidation or wind-down of Sellers' estates nor (ii) one or more Sellers engaging in a transaction or transactions to divest all or any portion of an Excluded Business, shall be an Alternative Transaction.
 - "Alternative Transaction Trigger" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.2(c).
- "Assignment and Assumption Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(e).
 - "Assumed Liabilities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.
 - "Auction" shall have the meaning set forth in the Bidding Procedures.

"Backup Bidder" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.1(c).

"Bankruptcy Case" means, collectively, the bankruptcy cases commenced by Sellers under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court in the Filing.

"Bankruptcy Code" means Title 11 of the United States Code, Sections 101 et seq.

"Bankruptcy Court" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"BBBY" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Bidding Procedures" means the bidding procedures attached as Exhibit 1 to the Bidding Procedures Order and approved by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Bidding Procedures Order and as amended and supplemented.

"Bidding Procedures Order" means the Order, (I) Approving the Auction and Bidding Procedures, (II) Approving Stalking Horse Bid Protections, (III) Scheduling Bid Deadlines and an Auction, (IV) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, and (V) Granting Related Relief (Docket No. 92).

"Breakup Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.2(c).

"Business Data" means all books, records, data, databases, taxonomies, documents and files collected, held or used in connection with the Business, including (to the extent collected, held or used in connection with the Business) all (i) vendor and supplier lists and associated information, (ii) customer data, together with all data held or collected in connection therewith (in any data field), including all contact information, demographic information, transaction and usage histories, registry information, loyalty program data (including with respect to customer participation, loyalty tiers, reward balances and other information) and gift card information (including with respect to usage, cards issued and balances), (iii) customer opt-out or opt-in lists, (iv) current customer models, segmentation, life time value, share of wallet, probability to shop and next product to buy, and other customer-based analyses or reports, (v) blog content, social media content, analytics (including data relating to Internet Properties) visitor data, product review and user-generated content (including images, text, video and all other content), (vi) other cost, pricing and sales data, (vii) other information incorporated in or relating to any other Acquired Asset (including the development, maintenance, use or operation thereof), and (viii) usernames, passwords and credentials used to access, use, manage, maintain or renew any of the foregoing, in all cases set forth in the foregoing clauses (i) through (viii), whether such information is stored by or on behalf of Sellers or any of their Affiliates.

"Business Day" means any day of the year, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which national banking institutions in New York, New York are open to the public for conducting business and are not required or authorized by Law to close.

"Business Internet Properties" means all Internet Properties used or held for use primarily in connection with the Business and operated by or on behalf of Sellers or any of their Affiliates, including the Internet domain names and Social Media Accounts listed on Section 2.1(b) of the Disclosure Schedules, together with (i) all site maps, templates, style guides, design materials and

content (including any text, fonts, colors, cascading style sheets (CSS), layouts, video, images, graphics and e-mail templates) made available thereon, (ii) all blog content posted on the foregoing Internet Properties, (iii) all usernames, passwords and credentials used to access, use, manage, maintain or renew any of the foregoing, and (iv) any documentation, information and other materials used or held for use primarily in connection with any of the foregoing.

"Business IP" means all Intellectual Property owned by or licensed exclusively to any Seller or any of its Affiliates (other than pursuant to an Excluded Listed Contract) that (i) is or was used, acquired, developed or held for use, in each case, primarily in or primarily for the operation of the Business, (ii) is embodied in and relates primarily to any other Acquired Assets (including the development, maintenance, use or operation thereof), or (iii) is otherwise identified on Section 2.1(a) of the Disclosure Schedules.

"Buyer" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Buyer Group" means Buyer, any Affiliate of Buyer and any future Affiliate of Buyer.

"Cash Consideration" means Twenty-One Million Five Hundred Thousand U.S. dollars (\$21,500,000).

"Chosen Courts" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.13.

"Claims" means all claims, causes of action, rights of recovery (including rights of indemnity, warranty rights, rights of contribution, rights to refunds and rights to reimbursement) and rights of set-off, in each case, of whatever kind or description against any Person (including any claim as defined in the Bankruptcy Code).

"Closing" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Closing Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Confidentiality Agreement" means that certain letter agreement, dated as of January 26, 2023, by and between Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc. and Overstock.com, Inc.

"Consent" means any approval, consent, ratification, permission, waiver, Governmental Authorization or other authorization, or an Order of the Bankruptcy Court that renders unnecessary the same.

"Contract" means any contract, agreement, undertaking, lease, sublease, license, sublicense, sales order, purchase order or other instrument or commitment, whether written or oral, that is binding on any Person or any part of its property under applicable Law.

"<u>Cure Costs</u>" means, with respect to any Contract, the amount required to be paid with respect to such Contract to cure all monetary defaults under such Contract to the extent required by section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

"<u>Dataroom</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 5.13</u>.

"Deposit" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Deposit Escrow Agent" means Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC.

"Documents" means all of Sellers' written files, documents, instruments, papers, books, reports, records, tapes, microfilms, photographs, letters, budgets, forecasts, plans, operating records, safety and environmental reports, data, studies, and documents, ledgers, journals, title policies, customer lists, regulatory filings, operating data and plans, research material, technical documentation (design specifications, engineering information, test results, logic manuals, processes, flow charts, etc.), user documentation (installation guides, user manuals, training materials, release notes, working papers, etc.), marketing documentation (sales brochures, flyers, pamphlets, web pages, etc.), and other similar materials, in each case whether or not in electronic form.

"Effect" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Material Adverse Effect".

"Effective Date" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Encumbrance" means any lien (as defined in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code), encumbrance, claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code), charge, mortgage, deed of trust, option, pledge, security interest or similar interests, title defects, hypothecations, easements, rights of way, encroachments, Orders, conditional sale or other title retention agreements and other similar impositions, imperfections or defects of title or restrictions on transfer or use.

"Enforceability Exceptions" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

"Escrow Account" means the escrow account established pursuant to the Escrow Agreement to hold the GoB Escrow Amount and the IP Escrow Amount.

"Escrow Agent" means Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC.

"Escrow Agreement" means a mutually agreed customary escrow agreement consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

"Excess Cure Costs" means, with respect to any individual Transferred Contract, the amount of Cure Costs with respect to such Transferred Contract as determined by the Bankruptcy Court that exceeds the expected amount of Cure Costs set forth on Section 2.4(c) of the Disclosure Schedules with respect to such Transferred Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, if any individual Transferred Contract does not appear on Section 2.4(c) of the Disclosure Schedules or if the expected amount set forth on Section 2.4(c) of the Disclosure Schedules with respect to any individual Transferred Contract is listed as "\$-", the expected amount set forth on Section 2.4(c) of the Disclosure Schedules with respect to such Transferred Contract shall be deemed to be \$0.

"Excluded Assets" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"Excluded Businesses" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Excluded Listed Contracts" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(d).

"Excluded Liabilities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5.

"Excluded Software" means all Software owned, held or operated by Sellers in connection with the Business, excluding Software constituting part of the Mobile Platform or Business Internet Properties.

"Excluded Taxes" means any Liability, obligation or commitment, whether or not accrued, assessed, or currently due and payable, for any: (i) Taxes imposed on or payable by any Seller or its respective Affiliates for any Tax period (including any Taxes required to be withheld from the Purchase Price or any other payments or consideration payable to any Sellers hereunder pursuant to Section 2.6); (ii) Taxes imposed with respect to any of the Acquired Assets, any of the Assumed Liabilities or the Business for any Pre-Closing Tax Period, allocated in accordance with Section 11.2; (iii) Taxes imposed on or with respect to any of the Excluded Assets or any of the Excluded Liabilities for any Tax period; (iv) any Transfer Taxes for which Sellers are responsible pursuant to Section 11.1; (v) Taxes imposed on Buyer or any of its Affiliates as a transferee or successor to any Seller or its respective Affiliates by operation of Law; and (vi) Periodic Taxes for which Sellers are responsible pursuant to Section 11.2; provided that Excluded Taxes shall not include any Transfer Taxes or Periodic Taxes for which Buyer is responsible pursuant to Section 11.1 or Section 11.2.

"<u>Excluded Trademarks</u>" means all Trademarks owned by Sellers, excluding those Trademarks constituting Business IP.

"Expense Reimbursement" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.2(b).

"Express Representations" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.13.

"Filing" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Fraud" means common law fraud under Delaware Law, for the avoidance of doubt, taking into account the terms and conditions of this Agreement (including Section 5.13, Section 6.9, Section 8.14, Section 12.1, Section 12.7, and Section 12.10), but does not include any fraud claim based on constructive knowledge, negligent misrepresentation, recklessness or a similar theory, equitable fraud, promissory fraud or any other fraud or torts based on recklessness or negligence).

"Fundamental Representations" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.2(a).

"GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time.

"GoB Certificate" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.5(a).

"GoB Escrow Amount" means an amount equal to \$5,000,000.

"GoB Payout Amount" means the GoB Escrow Amount less, if the GoB Certificate is not delivered to Buyer on or prior to July 31, 2023 an amount equal to \$1,250,000 on August 1, 2023 and at the end of each seven-day period thereafter, until either the GoB Certificate is delivered to Buyer or the GoB Payout Amount is reduced to zero.

"Governmental Authority" means any United States federal, state, municipal or local or any foreign government, governmental agency or authority, or regulatory or administrative authority, or any court, tribunal or judicial body having jurisdiction, including the Bankruptcy Court.

"Governmental Authorization" means any permit, license, certificate, approval, consent, permission, clearance, designation, qualification, or authorization issued, granted, given or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Authority or pursuant to any Law.

"Independent Arbiter" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(a).

"Information Presentation" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.13.

"Intellectual Property" means all of the following: (i) patents, inventions, invention disclosures, industrial designs and utility models; (ii) trademarks, service marks, logos, trade dress, trade names, corporate names, and other indicia of commercial source or origin, and goodwill associated with any of the foregoing ("Trademarks"); (iii) copyrights and all works of authorship, whether copyrightable or not, including any Software and rights therein; (iv) Internet domain names, URLs, internet protocol addresses, Social Media Accounts, websites, and all the content provided on the foregoing (collectively, "Internet Properties"); (v) trade secrets, industrial secret rights, and know-how, data, databases and confidential or proprietary information, including customer lists, supplier lists, processes, protocols, specifications, drawings, schematics, analyses, plans, techniques, technical plans and other forms of technology (whether or not embodied in any tangible form, and including all tangible embodiments of the foregoing, such as notebooks, samples, studies and summaries); (vi) rights in or associated with any of the foregoing, and all other intellectual property rights and proprietary rights, in each case, arising in any jurisdiction of the world; and (vii) any registrations of and pending applications to register any of the foregoing clauses (i) through (vi), together with all renewals, reissuances, continuations, continuations-inpart, divisionals, revisions, extensions, and reexaminations thereof.

"Internet Properties" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of Intellectual Property.

"IP Condition" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.14.

"IP Escrow Amount" means an amount set forth in Section 8.14 of the Disclosure Schedules.

"Knowledge" means, with respect to any matter in question, in the case of Sellers, the actual knowledge of each of Sue Gove, Holly Etlin and David Kastin, in each case, after reasonable inquiry of applicable direct reports.

"Law" means any federal, state, provincial, local, municipal, foreign or international, multinational or other law, statute, legislation, constitution, principle of common law, resolution, ordinance, code, edict, decree, proclamation, treaty, convention, rule, regulation, ruling, Order, directive, pronouncement, determination, decision, opinion or requirement issued, enacted, adopted, promulgated, implemented or otherwise put into effect by or under the authority of any Governmental Authority.

"<u>Liability</u>" means, as to any Person, any debt, adverse claim, liability, duty, responsibility, obligation, commitment, assessment, cost, expense, loss, Tax, expenditure, charge, fee, penalty, fine, contribution, or premium of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, absolute or contingent, direct or indirect, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, or due or to become due, and regardless of when sustained, incurred or asserted or when the relevant events occurred or circumstances existed.

"Malicious Code" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.8(f).

"Material Adverse Effect" means (i) any material adverse change to the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities or the value thereof, taken as a whole, or (ii) any event, change condition, circumstance, development or effect that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair or delay the ability of Sellers to consummate the Closing; provided, however, that, in the case of the foregoing clause (I) only, no event, change, condition, circumstance, development or effect (or the result thereof) (each an "Effect") shall be taken into account, individually or in the aggregate, in determining whether a Material Adverse Effect has occurred to the extent arising from or relating to: (A) the execution, announcement or pendency of this Agreement or the Filing (including the effect of the foregoing on the relationship with the customers, suppliers, landlords, employees, consultants or competitors of Sellers or their respective Affiliates); provided that this clause (A) shall not apply to the representations and warranties that, by their terms, specifically address the consequences arising out of the pendency or consummation of the transactions contemplated herein; (B) actions or omissions taken or not taken by or on behalf of Sellers or any of their Affiliates at the written request of Buyer; (C) failure of Sellers or any of their Affiliates to meet any internal or published, projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions (provided, that this clause (C) shall not prevent a determination that any change, event, circumstance or effect underlying such failure has resulted in a Material Adverse Effect, unless such change, event, circumstance or effect is otherwise separately excepted by this definition); (D) changes or prospective changes in applicable Law or GAAP, or changes or prospective changes in the interpretation or enforcement of any of the foregoing, or any changes or prospective changes in general legal, regulatory or political conditions, in each case, after the Effective Date; (E) volcanoes, tsunamis, effects of climate change, earthquakes, floods, storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, epidemics, pandemics, disease, outbreak, public health crises or acts of god or natural disasters or man-made disasters, in each case, including any direct or indirect consequence or condition thereof, including outbreaks or additional waves of outbreaks of any contagious diseases (including influenza, COVID-19 or any variation thereof); (F) general events or conditions generally affecting the industry, markets or geographic areas in which the Business operates; (G) national or international political or social conditions, including tariffs, riots, protests, the engagement by the United States or other country in hostilities or the escalation thereof, whether or not pursuant to the declaration of a national emergency or war, or the occurrence or the escalation of any military, cyber or terrorist (whether or not state-sponsored) attack upon the United States or any other country, or any of its territories, possessions, or diplomatic or consular offices or upon any military installation, asset, equipment or personnel of the United States or of any other country; (H) financial, banking, or securities markets; (I) (1) the commencement or pendency of the Bankruptcy Cases; (2) any objections in the Bankruptcy Court to (w) this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, (x) the Sale Order or the reorganization or liquidation of Sellers, (y) the Expense Reimbursement or Breakup Fee, or (z) the assumption or rejection of any Transferred Contract; or (3) any Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any actions or omissions of Sellers in compliance therewith; provided, however, that, in the case of clauses (D) through (H), such events, changes, conditions, circumstances, developments or effects shall be taken into account in determining whether any such material adverse effect has occurred to the extent that any such events, changes, conditions, circumstances, developments or effects have a disproportionate adverse change on the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities, taken as a whole, relative to similar assets and liabilities, in a similar industry or market.

"Material Contract" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.5(a).

"Mobile Platform" means all consoles, certificates, profiles, identifiers, files, keys, API, and any other information, documentation or materials necessary or useful for maintaining user accessibility to the mobile Software applications made available through the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store by or on behalf of Sellers in connection with the Business, solely as necessary or useful for Buyer to provide notice and redirection to users through such application in a manner controlled by Buyer at and following Closing, together with (i) all administrator usernames, passwords and credentials used to access, use, manage, maintain or renew such consoles, certificates, profiles, identifiers, files or keys, and (ii) all site maps, templates, style guides, design materials and content (including any text, fonts, colors, cascading style sheets (CSS), layouts, video, images and graphics) with respect thereto or made available thereon.

"Order" means any order, injunction, order, judgment, decree, ruling, writ, assessment or arbitration award of a Governmental Authority, including any order entered by the Bankruptcy Court in the Bankruptcy Cases (including the Sale Order).

"Ordinary Course" means the ordinary and usual course of operations of the Business taken as a whole consistent with past practice and taking into account the contemplation, commencement and pendency of the Bankruptcy Cases.

"Outside Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.1(c).

"Party" or "Parties" means, individually or collectively, Buyer and Sellers.

"Paying Party" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.3.

"Periodic Taxes" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.2.

"Permits" means licenses, permits, approvals, certificates, authorizations, testing certifications, testing reports, compliance results, operating permits, registrations, Orders, variances, plans, exemptions and other similar documents and authorizations, required under any

applicable Laws for the operation of the Business, and issued by or obtained from any Governmental Authority.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means (i) non-monetary encumbrances or non-monetary impediments against any of the Acquired Assets which do not, individually or in the aggregate, adversely affect the operation of the Acquired Assets, (ii) licenses (other than licenses of Trademarks) granted on a non-exclusive basis, (iii) any Encumbrances set forth on Section 1.1(a) of the Disclosure Schedules, and (iv) solely prior to Closing, any Encumbrances that will be removed or released by operation of the Sale Order.

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, unincorporated organization, labor union, organization, estate, Governmental Authority or other entity or group.

"Personal Information" means, in addition to any information protected under Sellers' published privacy policies or applicable Laws concerning privacy or data security as "personal information," "personally identifiable information," "PII" or similar, any information that identifies or could reasonably be used to identify an individual, including an individual's name, address, telephone number, fax number, email address, social security number or other identifier issued by a Governmental Authority (including any state identification number, driver's license number, or passport number), geolocation information of an individual or device, biometric data, medical or health information, credit card or other financial information (including bank account information), cookie identifiers, or any other browser- or device-specific number or identifier, or any web or mobile browsing or usage information that is linked to the foregoing.

"<u>Post-Closing Tax Period</u>" means any Tax period beginning after the Closing Date and, in the case of any Straddle Period, the portion of such Straddle Period beginning after the Closing Date.

"<u>Pre-Closing Tax Period</u>" means any Tax period ending on or before the Closing Date and, in the case of any Straddle Period, the portion of such Straddle Period ending on the Closing Date.

"Proceeding" means any Claim, action, complaint, suit, litigation, arbitration, appeal, petition, inquiry, hearing, Order, decree, legal proceeding, investigation, or other legal dispute, whether civil, criminal, administrative or otherwise, at law or in equity, by or before any Governmental Authority.

"Projections" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.15(b).

"Proposed Allocation" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(a).

"Purchase Price" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1.

"Registered Business IP" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.8(a).

"Reimbursing Party" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.3.

"Representative" means, with respect to a particular Person, any director, officer, employee, agent, consultant, advisor, or other representative of such Person, including legal counsel, accountants, and financial advisors.

"Sale Order" means an Order of the Bankruptcy Court approving this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, which Order shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such changes as may be consented to by Buyer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) or as the Parties may mutually agree.

"Seller" or "Sellers" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"<u>Seller Parties</u>" means each Seller and its former, current, or future Affiliates, officers, directors, employees, partners, members, equityholders, controlling or controlled Persons, managers, agents, Advisors, successors or permitted assigns.

"Social Media Accounts" means the social media profiles, accounts, addresses and handles (including those made available through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, Foursquare, Tumblr, Spotify and similar platforms).

"Software" means all software, software platforms, computer programs, operating systems, applications, firmware, and other code, including all related source code, object code, application programming interfaces, data files, databases, protocols, specifications, and all documentation relating to any of the foregoing.

"Straddle Period" means any Tax period that includes, but does not end on, the Closing Date.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, limited liability company or other entity of which a majority of the total voting power of shares of stock or other equity interests entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees or other governing body or Person thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof or any partnership, association or other business entity of which a majority of the partnership or other similar ownership interest is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof.

"Successful Bidder" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.1(c).

"Tax" or "Taxes" means any federal, state, provincial, local, municipal, foreign or other taxes, duties, levies, governmental charges or assessments in the nature of a tax, including all income, alternative, minimum, add-on minimum, accumulated earnings, personal holding company, franchise, capital stock, net worth, capital gains, profits, intangibles, windfall profits, gross receipts, value added, sales, use, goods and services, excise, customs duties, escheat, transfer, conveyance, mortgage, registration, stamp, documentary, recording, premium, severance, production, environmental, natural resources, real property, personal property, ad valorem, intangibles, rent, occupancy, license, occupational, employment, unemployment, social security (or similar), disability, workers' compensation, payroll, health care, withholding, estimated or

other taxes, duties, levies or other governmental charges or assessments in the nature of a tax or deficiencies thereof (including all interest and penalties thereon and additions thereto).

"Tax Consideration" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(a).

"<u>Tax Proceeding</u>" means any audit, examination, contest, litigation or other Proceeding by or against any taxing authority or otherwise with respect to or relating to Taxes.

"<u>Tax Return</u>" means any return, claim for refund, declaration, election, notice, report, statement or information return or other similar document relating to Taxes filed or required to be filed with a Governmental Authority, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendments thereof.

"Trademarks" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of Intellectual Property.

"Transaction Documents" means this Agreement, the Assignment and Assumption Agreement, the intellectual property assignment agreement contemplated by Section 4.3(a), the Escrow Agreement and any other agreements, instruments or documents entered into pursuant to this Agreement.

"Transfer Taxes" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.1.

"Transferred Contracts" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(e).

"Willful Breach" shall mean (a) Fraud or (b) a deliberate act or a deliberate failure to act, in each case, in breach of a covenant set forth in this Agreement, regardless of whether breaching was the conscious object of the act or failure to act.

- Section 1.2 Other Definitions and Interpretive Matters.
- (a) Unless otherwise indicated to the contrary in this Agreement by the context or use thereof:
 - (i) When calculating the period of time before which, within which or following which any act is to be done or step taken pursuant to this Agreement, the date that is the reference date in calculating such period shall be excluded. If the last day of such period is a day other than a Business Day, the period in question shall end on the next succeeding Business Day.
 - (ii) Any reference in this Agreement to \$ means U.S. dollars.
 - (iii) Unless the context otherwise requires, all capitalized terms used in the Exhibits and Disclosure Schedules shall have the respective meanings assigned in this Agreement. No reference to or disclosure of any item or other matter in the Exhibits and Disclosure Schedules shall be construed as an admission or indication that such item or other matter is material or that such item or other matter is required to be referred to or disclosed in the Exhibits and Disclosure Schedules. No disclosure in the Exhibits and Disclosure Schedules relating to any possible breach or violation of any Contract or Law

shall be construed as an admission or indication that any such breach or violation exists or has actually occurred. Any information, item or other disclosure set forth in any Schedule shall be deemed to have been set forth in all other applicable Disclosure Schedules if the relevance of such disclosure to such other Schedule is reasonably apparent from the facts specified in such disclosure. All Exhibits and Disclosure Schedules attached or annexed hereto or referred to herein are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement as if set forth in full herein.

- (iv) Any reference in this Agreement to gender includes all genders, and words importing the singular number also include the plural and vice versa.
- (v) The provision of a table of contents, the division of this Agreement into Articles, Sections and other subdivisions and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect or be utilized in the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. All references in this Agreement to any "Section," "Article," "Schedule," or "Exhibit" are to the corresponding Section, Article, Schedule, or Exhibit of or to this Agreement unless otherwise specified.
- (vi) Words such as "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" refer to this Agreement as whole and not merely to a subdivision in which such words appear, unless the context otherwise requires.
- (vii) The word "extent" and the phrase "to the extent" when used in this Agreement shall mean the degree to which a subject or other thing extends, and such word or phrase shall not merely mean "if."
- (viii) The word "including" or any variation thereof means "including, without limitation," and shall not be construed to limit any general statement that it follows to the specific or similar items or matters immediately following it.
- (ix) The word "will" will be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall". The words "shall," "will," or "agree(s)" are mandatory, and "may" is permissive.
- (x) All references to a day or days will be deemed to refer to a calendar day or calendar days, as applicable, unless otherwise specifically provided.
- (xi) Any document or item will be deemed "conveyed", "delivered," "provided" or "made available" by Sellers, within the meaning of this Agreement if such document or item is (A) included in the Dataroom or (B) actually delivered or provided to Buyer or any of Buyer's Advisors.
- (xii) Any reference to any agreement or Contract will be a reference to such agreement or Contract, as amended, modified, supplemented or waived.
- (xiii) Any reference to any particular Bankruptcy Code or Tax Code section or any Law will be interpreted to include any amendment to, revision of or successor to that section or Law regardless of how it is numbered or classified; provided

that, for the purposes of the representations and warranties set forth herein, with respect to any violation of or non-compliance with, or alleged violation of or non-compliance, with any Bankruptcy Code or Tax Code section or Law, the reference to such Bankruptcy Code or Tax Code section or Law means such Bankruptcy Code or Tax Code section or Law as in effect at the time of such violation or non-compliance or alleged violation or non-compliance.

- (xiv) A reference to a Person in a particular capacity excludes such Person in any other capacity or individually.
- (xv) Any reference to (x) any representations or warranties of a Seller that is not party to this Agreement shall be interpreted as a representation or warranty of BBBY on behalf of such Seller and (y) any covenant or obligation of a Seller that is not party to this Agreement shall be interpreted as a covenant and obligation of BBBY to cause such Seller to act in accordance therewith and (z) any notice to, or consent from, any Seller that is not a party to this Agreement shall, with respect to matters related to this Agreement, be interpreted as a notice to, or consent from, BBBY.
- (b) No Strict Construction. Buyer, on the one hand, and Sellers, on the other hand, participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement, and, in the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as jointly drafted by Buyer, on the one hand, and Sellers, on the other hand, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement. Without limitation as to the foregoing, no rule of strict construction construing ambiguities against the draftsperson shall be applied against any Person with respect to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

PURCHASE AND SALE

- Section 2.1 <u>Purchase and Sale of the Acquired Assets</u>. Pursuant to sections 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Sale Order, at the Closing, Sellers shall sell, transfer, assign and convey to Buyer, or cause to be sold, transferred, assigned and conveyed to Buyer (or its designee), and Buyer (or its designee) shall purchase, acquire and accept from Sellers all of Sellers' right, title and interest as of the Closing in, to or under the following assets (collectively, the "<u>Acquired Assets</u>") free and clear of any and all Encumbrances of any and every kind, nature and description, other than Permitted Encumbrances:
- (a) all Business IP, and any goodwill associated therewith, together with all rights to collect royalties and other proceeds and payments in connection with any of the foregoing, and all rights to sue and recover for any past, present or future infringement, dilution, misappropriation or other violation of any such Business IP;
 - (b) the Business Internet Properties;
 - (c) the Mobile Platform;

- (d) all Business Data;
- (e) all Contracts listed on <u>Section 2.1(e)</u> of the Disclosure Schedules or designated as Transferred Contracts pursuant to <u>Section 2.7</u> (the "<u>Transferred Contracts</u>");
- (f) all rights of publicity, personality rights and similar rights primarily relating to, used in (or held for use in) or arising out of, the sale or marketing of any products or services of the Business;
- (g) all advertising and marketing materials, samples, artwork, photography, images, videos, copy, catalogues, labels, brand books, style guides, retailer presentations, drawings, recordings and similar material, and any other material showing the heritage of any Trademarks, in each case primarily relating to, used in (or held for use in) or arising out of the Business;
- (h) all transferrable rights (but not any obligations) of Sellers under non-disclosure or confidentiality, non-compete, or non-solicitation Contracts relating to any other Acquired Asset referenced in this Section 2.1;
- (i) any other assets, properties, and rights listed on <u>Section 2.1(i)</u> of the Disclosure Schedules.
- Section 2.2 <u>Excluded Assets</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Buyer shall acquire no right, title, or interest in, to or under the following assets, properties, rights, interests, or claims in any assets, properties, rights, interests or claims of any kind or description of any Seller that are not Acquired Assets (collectively, the "<u>Excluded Assets</u>"), including:
 - (a) the Excluded Trademarks;
 - (b) the Internet Properties listed on Section 2.2(b) of the Disclosure Schedules;
 - (c) the Excluded Software; and
- (d) the Contracts listed on <u>Section 2.2(d)</u> of the Disclosure Schedules or otherwise designated as Excluded Listed Contracts pursuant to <u>Section 2.7</u> (the "<u>Excluded Listed Contracts</u>").
- Section 2.3 Shared Assets. To the extent that any elements of the Business Data or the Business IP (excluding Trademarks (other than trade dress)) embodied in the content or website (including the design, style, look, and feel of such content and website) made available on or through the Business Internet Properties are used in or arise out of the Business and also are used in or arise out of the Excluded Business (such Business Data and Business IP (excluding Trademarks (other than trade dress)), "Shared IP"), (a) Sellers and Buyer shall each be a joint owner of the Shared IP, (b) without limiting any obligation to deliver, transfer and convey copies of Shared IP, only an undivided joint ownership interest in or to the Shared IP shall be an Acquired Asset, and (c) each of Sellers and Buyer shall have the right to use and license the Shared IP without notice, consent or an accounting to the other Party (or its successors and assignees); provided that, for the avoidance of doubt Shared IP, with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii) of the

definition of Business Data, shall be limited to customer data and lists relating to customers that have purchased from, or otherwise submitted their names or other information in accordance with applicable privacy policies to, both the Business and Excluded Business.

- Section 2.4 <u>Assumed Liabilities</u>. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, at the Closing, Buyer shall assume and agree to perform and discharge, when due (in accordance with their respective terms and subject to the respective conditions thereof), the following Liabilities (collectively, the "Assumed Liabilities"):
- (a) all Liabilities and obligations of any Seller under the Transferred Contracts that become due from and after, solely to the extent relating to facts, occurrences or other circumstances first arising after, the Closing (or, if assigned to Buyer after the Closing, the assignment date related to such Transferred Contracts);
- (b) all Liabilities arising from the ownership of the Acquired Assets and the use thereof by Buyer solely to the extent arising after the Closing; and
- (c) all Cure Costs (but not any Excess Cure Costs) related to the assignment and assumption of the Transferred Contracts.

For the avoidance of doubt, Excluded Taxes shall not constitute Assumed Liabilities.

- Section 2.5 <u>Excluded Liabilities</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, Buyer shall not assume and shall not be obligated to assume or be obliged to pay, perform, or otherwise discharge, and Sellers shall be solely and exclusively liable with respect to, any Liability of any Seller that is not an Assumed Liability (including, for the avoidance of doubt, all Excess Cure Costs) (such Liabilities, collectively, the "Excluded Liabilities").
- Section 2.6 <u>Withholding</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Buyer shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from any amounts otherwise payable pursuant to this Agreement such amounts as are required to be deducted and withheld with respect to the making of such payment under the Code or any other Tax Law. Prior to such deduction or withholding (except any deduction or withholding required as a result of a failure to provide the documentation pursuant to <u>Section 4.3(f)</u>), Buyer shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide Sellers written notice of such deduction or withholding and a reasonable opportunity to provide forms or other evidence that would reduce or exempt such deduction or withholding under applicable Law. To the extent that amounts are so deducted and withheld and paid to the appropriate Governmental Authority, such amounts shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the Person in respect of which such deduction and withholding was made.
- Section 2.7 <u>Assignment of Contracts</u>. The Sale Order shall, to the extent permitted by Law, provide for the assignment by Sellers to Buyer, effective upon the Closing, of the Transferred Contracts in accordance with this Section 2.7.
- (a) Sellers shall use reasonable best efforts to provide timely and proper written notice of the motion seeking entry of the Sale Order to all parties to any executory Contracts to which any Seller is a party that are Transferred Contracts and take all other actions reasonably

necessary to cause such Contracts to be assigned to Buyer pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. At the Closing, Sellers shall assign to Buyer the Transferred Contracts that may be assigned by any such Seller to Buyer pursuant to sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. From and after the Effective Date until the earlier of (y) the date that is 45 days following the Closing and (z) the date on which the Bankruptcy Court enters an Order confirming Sellers' plan of reorganization or liquidation (this clause (z) the "Plan Confirmation Date"), Buyer may, in consultation with Sellers, propose to designate any Contract then in effect that Sellers have not otherwise disposed of, or agreed to dispose of, that is necessary to administer, control and exercise legal rights with respect to the use of all other Acquired Assets, in each case, in the same manner in all material respects as by and on behalf of Sellers (as applicable) in connection with the Business during the twelve months prior to the date hereof (and is not an Excluded Listed Contract as of the Effective Date), as a Transferred Contract, as applicable, or designate any such Contract that would otherwise be a Transferred Contract as an Excluded Listed Contract, in each case by providing written notice of such designation or removal to Sellers and, in the case of designating an additional Transferred Contract, Sellers will use reasonable best efforts to cause such Contract to be assumed and assigned to Buyer in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) Sellers may not designate any such Contract as a Transferred Contract after Closing if Sellers have rejected, agreed to dispose, or disposed, of such Contract or require such Contract in order to provide services to any other business line of Sellers or to wind down the operations of Sellers and (ii) Sellers shall provide not less than five Business Days' notice to Buyer prior to filing any motion to reject, agreeing to dispose or disposing any Contract that is necessary to administer, control and exercise legal rights with respect to the use of all other Acquired Assets, in each case, in the same manner in all material respects as by and on behalf of Sellers (as applicable) in connection with the Business during the twelve months prior to the date hereof (other than any Excluded Listed Contract).

- (b) In the case of any removal or addition of a Transferred Contract pursuant to Section 2.7(a), Sellers shall give notice to the other parties to any Contract to which such removal or addition relates within three Business Days of Buyer notifying Sellers of such removal or addition.
- (c) In connection with and upon the assignment to Buyer of any Transferred Contract pursuant to this <u>Section 2.7</u>, Buyer and Sellers shall pay all of the Cure Costs consistent with the allocation of Assumed Liabilities and Excluded Liabilities set forth in Section 2.4(c) and Section 2.5.
- (d) If Sellers are unable to assign any Transferred Contract to Buyer as a result of an Order of the Bankruptcy Court or applicable Law, then Buyer and Sellers shall use reasonable best efforts prior to the Closing to obtain, and to cooperate in obtaining, all Consents and Governmental Authorizations from Governmental Authorities and third parties necessary to assign such Transferred Contract to Buyer; provided, however, neither Buyer nor Sellers shall be required to pay any amount or incur any obligation to any Person from whom any such Consent or Governmental Authorization may be required in order to obtain such Consent.
- (e) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, a Contract shall not be a Transferred Contract hereunder and shall not be assigned by the applicable Sellers and assumed by Buyer to the extent that such Contract requires a Consent or Governmental

Authorization (other than, and in addition to, that of the Bankruptcy Court) in order to permit the sale or transfer to Buyer of Sellers' rights under such Contract, if such Consent or Governmental Authorization has not been obtained prior to the Closing. In such event, the Closing will proceed with respect to the remaining Acquired Assets upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof, and there will be no reduction in the Purchase Price as a result thereof, and, for a period of six months after the Closing Date (or the remaining term of any such Contract if shorter or the closing of the Bankruptcy Cases, if earlier), (i) Sellers and Buyer will use their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain the Consents with respect to any such Contract and (ii) Sellers and Buyer will cooperate in a mutually agreeable arrangement, to the extent feasible and without the need for any Consent, under which Buyer would obtain the benefits and assume the obligations associated with such Contracts in accordance with this Agreement, including subcontracting, sub-licensing, or subleasing to Buyer, or under which Sellers would enforce their rights thereunder for the benefit of Buyer with Buyer assuming each applicable Sellers' obligations thereunder; provided, however, neither Buyer nor Sellers shall be required to pay any amount, grant any accommodation therefor or incur any obligation to any Person from whom any such Consent or Governmental Authorization may be required in order to obtain such Consent; provided further that neither Buyer nor any of Sellers will be obligated to initiate any Proceedings to obtain any such Consent or Governmental Authorization. For the avoidance of doubt, the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall in no way be contingent or conditioned on obtaining any such Consents for the assignment of the Transferred Contracts.

ARTICLE III

PURCHASE PRICE

- Section 3.1 <u>Purchase Price</u>. The purchase price (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>") for the purchase, sale, assignment and conveyance of Sellers' right, title and interest in, to and under the Acquired Assets shall consist of:
- (a) cash in the amount of the Cash Consideration (subject, in the case of the GoB Escrow Amount and the IP Escrow Amount to the terms and conditions with respect thereto); and
 - (b) the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities.

Section 3.2 Deposit.

(a) Buyer has delivered, or will deliver within one Business Day of the Effective Date, to the Deposit Escrow Agent the Deposit in immediately available funds pursuant to the Bidding Procedures Order, by wire transfer of immediately available funds for deposit into a separate, segregated, non-interest bearing escrow account maintained by the Deposit Escrow Agent in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order. The Deposit shall not be subject to any lien, attachment, trustee process, or any other judicial process of any creditor of any Seller or Buyer and shall be applied against payment of the Purchase Price on the Closing Date or otherwise distributed or returned according to the terms of this Section 3.2.

- (b) If this Agreement has been terminated by Sellers pursuant to Section 10.1(d) or Section 10.1(f), then Sellers shall retain the Deposit.
- (c) If this Agreement has been terminated by any Party, other than as contemplated by Section 3.2(b), then the Deposit shall be returned to Buyer within three Business Days after such termination.
- (d) The Parties agree that Sellers' right to retain the Deposit, as set forth in Section 3.2(b), is not a penalty, but rather is liquidated damages in a reasonable amount that will compensate Sellers for their efforts and resources expended and the opportunities foregone while negotiating this Agreement and in reliance on this Agreement and on the expectation of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, which amount would otherwise be impossible to calculate with precision.
- Section 3.3 <u>Closing Date Payments</u>. At the Closing, (a) Buyer shall pay to Sellers cash by wire transfer of immediately available funds in an amount equal to (i) the Cash Consideration <u>minus</u> (ii) the Deposit <u>minus</u> (iii) the GoB Escrow Amount <u>minus</u> (iv) the IP Escrow Amount and (b) Sellers shall direct the Deposit Escrow Agent to indefeasibly transfer the Deposit to an account designated by Sellers.
- Section 3.4 <u>Discharge of Assumed Liabilities After Closing</u>. Following the Closing, Buyer shall pay, perform or satisfy the Assumed Liabilities from time to time and as such Assumed Liabilities become due and payable or are required to be performed or satisfied in accordance with their respective terms.

Section 3.5 Release of Escrow Amounts.

- (a) GoB Holdback Release. In the event that Sellers deliver to Buyer, prior to the earlier of September 1, 2023 and the Plan Confirmation Date, a certificate, duly executed by Sellers' chief restructuring officer, in their capacity as such and not in a personal capacity, certifying that (i) the Business web sites have removed any references to "liquidation sales," "going out of business," "store closings" or similar messaging, (ii) that Sellers have ceased sending emails to customers of the Business, and (iii) that liquidations of inventory and going out of business sales at the brick and mortar stores of the Business have terminated (the "GoB Certificate"), then, within three Business Days of Buyer's receipt of the GoB Certificate, Buyer and BBBY shall deliver Joint Instructions to the Escrow Agent instructing the Escrow Agent to release, within three Business Days following such instruction, (A) the GoB Payout Amount to Sellers and (B) to the extent the GoB Escrow Amount is greater than the GoB Certificate prior to September 1, 2023 then, within three Business Days of September 1, 2023 Buyer and BBBY shall deliver Joint Instructions to the Escrow Agent instructing the Escrow Agent to release, within three Business Days following such instruction, the GoB Escrow Amount to Buyer.
- (b) <u>IP Release</u>. In the event that Sellers satisfy the IP Condition, then, within three Business Days of Sellers' satisfaction of the IP Condition, Buyer and BBBY shall deliver Joint Instructions to the Escrow Agent instructing the Escrow Agent to release, within three Business Days following such instruction, the IP Escrow Amount to Sellers. In the event that the

IP Condition has not been satisfied prior to September 30, 2023 then, within three Business Days following September 30, 2023, Buyer and BBBY shall deliver Joint Instructions to the Escrow Agent instruction the Escrow Agent to release, within three Business Days following such instruction, the IP Escrow Amount to Buyer.

Agreement, any amounts to be released from the Escrow Account pursuant to this Agreement or the Escrow Agreement shall be released upon (and only upon) the receipt by the Escrow Agent of Joint Instructions or a Final Determination. As used herein, (i) "Joint Instructions" means joint written instruction to the Escrow Agent, signed by Buyer and BBBY, directing the Escrow Agent to disburse all or a portion of the funds in the applicable Escrow Account, and (ii) "Final Determination" means a final judgment, decree or order (for which purpose, a judgment, decree or order of a court will be deemed final when the time for appeal, if any, will have expired and no appeal will have been taken or when all appeals taken will have been finally determined) together with the written payment instructions of the prevailing party to effectuate such order, in each case provided to the Escrow Agent (with a copy provided to the other party).

Section 3.6 Allocation of Purchase Price.

For U.S. federal (and where applicable, state and local) income Tax purposes, the parties agree to allocate the Purchase Price, the Assumed Liabilities, and any other amounts treated as consideration to any Seller in respect of the Acquired Assets pursuant to this Agreement for U.S. federal (and where applicable, state and local) income Tax purposes (collectively, the "Tax Consideration") among the Acquired Assets in accordance with Section 1060 of the Code, pursuant to the following procedures. No later than 90 days following the Closing Date, Buyer shall provide Sellers with a proposed allocation of the Tax Consideration among the Acquired Assets (the "Proposed Allocation"). Sellers may object to the Proposed Allocation by delivering to Buyer, within 30 days of receipt by Sellers of the Proposed Allocation, notice of objection to the Proposed Allocation (an "Allocation Objection Notice"), which shall specify in reasonable detail the basis for such objection. If Sellers fail to deliver an Allocation Objection Notice to Buyer prior to the expiration of such 30-day period, the Proposed Allocation shall become final, binding and conclusive upon Sellers and Buyer (the "Allocation"). If Sellers timely deliver an Allocation Objection Notice, then Buyer and Sellers shall negotiate in good faith to resolve the disputed items. If Buyer and Sellers are able to reach agreement on the disputed items within 30 days after the Allocation Objection Notice has been received by Buyer, the Proposed Allocation, as modified to reflect such agreement between Buyer and Sellers, shall be the Allocation. If Buyer and Sellers are unable to reach such an agreement within 30 days after the Allocation Objection Notice has been received by Buyer, all unresolved disputed items shall be promptly referred to a mutually agreed, nationally recognized accounting firm (the "Independent Arbiter"). The Independent Arbiter shall be directed to render a written report on the unresolved disputed items with respect to the allocation of the Tax Consideration as promptly as practicable, but in no event more than 30 days after such submission to the Independent Arbiter, and to resolve only those unresolved disputed items set forth in the Allocation Objection Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Independent Arbiter's resolution of the disputed items shall be within the ranges proposed by Buyer and Sellers that are in dispute. If unresolved disputed items are submitted to the Independent Arbiter, Buyer and Sellers shall each furnish to the Independent Arbiter such work papers, schedules and other documents and information relating to the unresolved disputed items as the Independent Arbiter may reasonably request. The resolution of the disputed items by the Independent Arbiter shall be final, binding and conclusive upon Buyer and Sellers. The Proposed Allocation, as modified to reflect (x) any agreement as to any disputed items between Buyer and Sellers and (y) the resolution of the remaining disputed items by the Independent Arbiter, shall be the Allocation. All fees and expenses of the Independent Arbiter shall be allocated to Buyer and Sellers in the same proportion that the aggregate amount of the items unsuccessfully disputed or defended, as the case may be, by each of Buyer and Sellers (as determined by the Independent Arbiter) bears to the total amount of the disputed items.

(b) Except to the extent otherwise required pursuant to a "determination" within the meaning of Section 1313(a) of the Code (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign law), each of the parties (x) shall, and shall cause its Affiliates to, file all Tax Returns in a manner consistent with the Allocation and (y) shall not take, and shall cause its Affiliates not to take, any position inconsistent with the Allocation on any Tax Return, in connection with any Tax Proceeding or otherwise.

ARTICLE IV

CLOSING

Section 4.1 <u>Closing Date</u>. The closing of the purchase and sale of the Acquired Assets, the delivery of the Purchase Price, the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities and the consummation of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "<u>Closing</u>") will take place by telephone conference and electronic exchange of documents (or, if the Parties agree to hold a physical closing, at the offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, located at 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022) at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the second Business Day following full satisfaction or due waiver (by the Party entitled to the benefit of such condition) of the closing conditions set forth in <u>Article IX</u> (other than conditions that by their terms or nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of those conditions at the Closing), or at such other place and time as the Parties may agree in writing. The date on which the Closing actually occurs is referred to herein as the "Closing Date."

Section 4.2 Buyer's Deliveries. At the Closing, Buyer shall:

- (a) deliver to Sellers the Cash Consideration <u>minus</u> the GoB Escrow Amount <u>minus</u> the IP Escrow Amount <u>minus</u> the Deposit in accordance with <u>Section 3.3(a)</u>;
- (b) deposit to the Escrow Agent cash in an amount equal to the GoB Escrow Amount <u>plus</u> the IP Escrow Amount, which amounts shall be held by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Escrow Agreement;
- (c) deliver to Sellers a counterpart to the Escrow Agreement duly executed by Buyer;
- (d) deliver to Sellers the certificate of Buyer to be received by Sellers pursuant to Section 9.3(c); and

- (e) deliver to Sellers a counterpart to the bill of sale and assignment and assumption agreement substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> (the "<u>Assignment and Assumption</u> Agreement") duly executed by Buyer.
 - Section 4.3 <u>Sellers' Deliveries</u>. At the Closing, Sellers shall deliver to Buyer:
- (a) an intellectual property assignment agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit C, duly executed by the applicable Sellers;
- (b) a counterpart to the Assignment and Assumption Agreement, duly executed by each applicable Seller;
- (c) a counterpart to the Escrow Agreement, duly executed by BBBY and the Escrow Agent;
 - (d) a copy of the Sale Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court;
- (e) the certificate of Sellers to be received by Buyer pursuant to <u>Section 9.2(c)</u>; and
- (f) an IRS Form W-9 or IRS Form W-8, as applicable, duly executed by each Seller or each Seller's regarded owner for U.S. federal income Tax purposes.

ARTICLE V

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLERS

Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules delivered by Sellers concurrently herewith and subject to Section 12.10, Sellers jointly and severally represent and warrant to Buyer as follows.

- Section 5.1 <u>Organization and Qualification</u>. Each Seller is duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation or formation and has all requisite power and authority necessary to carry on its business as it is now being conducted, except (other than with respect to such Seller's due formation and valid existence) as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 5.2 <u>Authorization of Agreement</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by each Seller of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which such Seller is a party, and the consummation by such Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate action, limited liability company action or limited partnership action on the part of such Seller, as applicable, and no other organizational proceedings on such Seller's part are necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by such Seller of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. Subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which each Seller is a party have been, or will be, duly executed and delivered by such Seller and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery hereof and

thereof by the other parties hereto and thereto, constitutes, or will constitute, legal, valid and binding obligations of such Seller, enforceable against such Seller in accordance with its and their terms, except that such enforceability (a) may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and other similar Laws of general application affecting or relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (b) is subject to general principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity (collectively, the "Enforceability Exceptions").

Section 5.3 Conflicts; Consents. Assuming that (a) requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals are obtained, and (b) the notices, authorizations, approvals, Orders, Permits or consents set forth on Section 5.3 of the Disclosure Schedules are made, given or obtained (as applicable), neither the execution and delivery by Sellers of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents, nor the consummation by Sellers of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, nor performance or compliance by Sellers with any of the terms or provisions hereof or thereof, will (i) conflict with or violate any provision of a Seller's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, certificate of formation or limited liability company agreement, certificate of limited partnership, partnership agreement or other governing documents, as applicable (ii) violate or constitute a breach of or default (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) under or give rise to a right of termination, modification, or cancelation of any obligation or to the loss of any benefit, any of the terms or provisions of any Material Contract or accelerate any Seller's obligations under any such Material Contract, or (iii) result in the creation of any Encumbrance (other than a Permitted Encumbrance) on any properties or assets of any Seller, except, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.4 Title to Properties.

(a) Subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, and assumption by the applicable Seller of the applicable Contract in accordance with applicable Law (including satisfaction of any applicable Cure Costs) and except as a result of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Case, Sellers hold good title to, the right to use, or a valid leasehold interest in, all of the Acquired Assets, free and clear of all Encumbrances, except for Permitted Encumbrances, other than any failure to own or hold such tangible property that is not material to the Business, taken as a whole.

Section 5.5 Contracts.

- (a) <u>Section 5.5 of the Disclosure Schedules</u> sets forth a list of each Material Contract as of the Effective Date. For purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Material Contract</u>" means any Contract (x) by which any of the Acquired Assets are bound or affected or (y) to which a Seller is a party or by which it is bound that is related to, used in (or held for use in) or arise out of the operation of the Acquired Assets, including any Contract:
 - (i) that is material to the Acquired Assets and relates to the Acquired Assets, on the one hand, and the Excluded Business, on the other hand;

- (ii) involves the settlement or compromise of any Proceeding (whether pending or threatened) (or series of related Proceedings) which (A) involve payments in excess of \$500,000 or (B) impose material restrictions on the use, enforcement or other exploitation of any Acquired Assets;
- (iii) that relates to the acquisition or disposition of any Acquired Asset that is reasonably expected to involve payments in excess of \$100,000;
- (iv) pursuant to which any Seller (A) grants or receives any license, sublicense, covenant not to assert, or similar right in or with respect to any (1) Business IP or (2) rights to use or display content that is material to the Business and used or displayed in connection with the Internet-based retail portion of the Business (excluding licenses, sublicenses, covenants not to assert or similar rights granted to Sellers solely for the development, use or maintenance of Excluded Software or information technology infrastructure), or (B) otherwise agrees to limit the use, enforcement or other exploitation of any Business IP, in each case, other than ancillary or incidental licenses, sublicenses, covenants not to assert and similar rights that are not material to the development, maintenance, use or operation of any Acquired Assets; or
- (v) that (x), is set forth on Section 2.1(e) of the Disclosure Schedules and contains any provision that (A) limits in any material respect, or purports to limit in any material respect, the ability, upon the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, of Buyer or any of its Affiliates from competing with any Person or in any geographical area, engaging in any line of business or selling products or delivering services to any Person, making use of any Business IP or soliciting potential employees, officers, managers, directors or customers, (B) grants "most favored nation" status or contains "exclusivity" requirements or similar obligations binding, upon the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, on Buyer or any of its Affiliates, (C) includes "take or pay" requirements or provisions obligating a Person to obtain or provide a minimum quantity of goods or services to or from another Person, or (y) that contains any provision that grants to a third party any right of first refusal or first offer or similar right with respect to any of the Acquired Assets.
- (b) Subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, and assumption by the applicable Seller of the applicable Contract in accordance with applicable Law (including satisfaction of any applicable Cure Costs) and except (i) as a result of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Cases and (ii) with respect to any Contract that has previously expired in accordance with its terms, been terminated, restated, or replaced, (A) each Material Contract is valid and binding on the Seller that is a party thereto and, to the Knowledge of Sellers, each other party thereto, and is in full force and effect, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions, (B) the applicable Seller, and, to the Knowledge of Sellers, any other party thereto, have performed all obligations required to be performed by it under each Material Contract, (C) Sellers have received no written notice of the existence of any breach or default on the part of any Seller under any Material Contract, (D) there are no events or conditions which constitute, or, after notice or lapse of time or both, will constitute a default on the part of a Seller, or to the Knowledge of Sellers, any counterparty under such Material Contract and (E) to the Knowledge of Sellers, Sellers have not received any written notice from any Person that such Person intends to terminate, or not renew,

any Material Contract, except in each case of <u>clauses (A)</u> through <u>(E)</u>, as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.6 <u>No Litigation</u>. There are no Proceedings pending or, to Sellers' Knowledge, threatened against or affecting any Seller that will adversely affect any Seller's performance of its obligations under this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 5.7 Permits; Compliance with Laws. Each Seller is, and has been since January 1, 2023, in compliance in all material respects with all state or federal laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules or regulations ("Laws") or Orders, applicable to such Seller, and each Seller holds all licenses, franchises, permits, certificates, approvals and authorizations from Governmental Authorities necessary for the lawful conduct of its respective business (collectively, "Permits"), except where the failure to hold the same would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each Seller and each of their respective directors, officers and employees acting in such capacity and, to the Knowledge of Sellers, each of its and their other agents acting on its or their behalf, is, and has been since January 1, 2023, in compliance in all material respects with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 5.8 Intellectual Property.

- (a) Section 5.8(a) of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth a correct and complete list of all Business IP that is registered with, issued by, or the subject of a pending application before any Governmental Authority or Internet domain name registrar ("Registered Business IP"), specifying as to each, as applicable, the owner, application number, application date, patent number or registration number, and date of registration or issuance. Except as otherwise indicated on Section 5.8(a) of the Disclosure Schedules, (i) Sellers exclusively own all right, title and interest in and to the Registered Business IP, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than Permitted Encumbrances), and (ii) all of the Registered Business IP is subsisting and, to the Knowledge of Sellers, valid and enforceable. The Registered Business IP identified on Section 5.8(a) of the Disclosure Schedules constitutes all Intellectual Property owned by or licensed exclusively to Sellers or any of their Affiliates (x) that is registered with, issued by, or the subject of a pending application before any Governmental Authority or Internet domain name registrar and (y) that is primarily related or material to the operation of the Business as conducted during the twelve months prior to the date hereof.
- (b) Sellers have taken commercially reasonable steps and have implemented commercially reasonable safeguards, in a manner consistent with industry standards, to maintain the confidentiality of non-public Business IP and Business Data, and to the Knowledge of Sellers, no such non-public Business IP or Business Data (including any source code constituting part of the Business IP) have been disclosed to or accessed by any Person other than subject to written and binding obligations of confidentiality, which obligations, to the Knowledge of Sellers, have not been violated in any material respect. Sellers have taken commercially reasonable steps to actively monitor and enforce their rights in all material Trademarks constituting part of the Business IP against unauthorized use by third parties, and have exercised reasonable quality control measures with respect to any licensees of such Trademarks.

- (c) No Proceedings are pending or, to the Knowledge of Sellers, threatened against any Seller, and since January 1, 2021, Sellers have not received any written notice or claim, (i) challenging the ownership, validity, enforceability or use by any Seller of any Registered Business IP or (ii) alleging that any Seller is infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating the Intellectual Property of any Person. Since January 1, 2021, no Seller has made any written claim of any violation, misappropriation or infringement of any Business IP.
- (d) To the Knowledge of Sellers, since January 1, 2021, no Person has infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated the rights of Sellers with respect to any material Business IP and the use of the Acquired Assets in connection with the conduct of the Business (including the use of the Mobile Platform as intended to be used by customers) has not violated, misappropriated or infringed the Intellectual Property of any other Person.
- (e) The consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not result in the grant of any right or license to any third party of any material Business IP.
- (f) Sellers have taken commercially reasonable steps and have implemented commercially reasonable safeguards, in a manner consistent with industry standards, to protect the Business Data, Internet Properties and Mobile Platform from any unauthorized use, disclosure, modification or access, and to ensure that the Acquired Assets are free from any disabling codes or instructions, spyware, Trojan horses, worms, viruses or other Software routines that facilitate or cause unauthorized access to, or disruption, impairment, disablement, or destruction of, Software, data or other materials ("Malicious Code").
- (g) Since January 1, 2021, there has been no security breach or other unauthorized use, disclosure, modification or access to the Acquired Assets or any Personal Information or other sensitive customer information included in the Acquired Assets. To the Knowledge of Sellers, the Acquired Assets are free from any material Malicious Code.
- (h) Other than the Mobile Platform, there are no mobile Software applications operated, developed or held for use by or on behalf of Sellers in connection with the Business.
- (i) That certain First Amended and Restated Trademark License Agreement, dated January 1, 2019, by and between Liberty Procurement Co. Inc. and Bed Bath & Beyond Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V., (the "Mexico License") has not been renewed beyond, and the term of the Mexico License expires on or before, January 1, 2024.
- Section 5.9 <u>Data Security and Personal Information</u>. Since January 1, 2021, with respect to any Personal Information included within the Acquired Assets, (i) Sellers have implemented and maintained commercially reasonable safeguards, including administrative, technical and physical safeguards consistent with industry standards, that protect all Business Data (including any Personal Information constituting part of the Business Data) against loss, damage, and unauthorized access, use, modification, or other misuse, (ii) no Proceeding has been asserted or, to the Knowledge of Sellers, are threatened against any Seller by any Person with respect to the security, collection, processing or use of such Business Data, and (iii) Sellers have complied in all material respect with all of their contractual obligations and published policies, and with all applicable Laws, concerning any Personal Information constituting part of the Business Data. The

consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the transfer of the Acquired Assets to Buyer, shall not violate any of Sellers' published policies, contractual obligations, applicable Laws, or any other legally binding obligations concerning privacy or data security, and no such published policies, applicable Laws or other legally binding obligations shall prohibit or impair, in any material respect, Buyer's receipt or use of any Business Data in a manner substantially consistent with the manner as used in the Business during the twelve months prior to Closing.

Section 5.10 Tax Matters.

- (a) All material Tax Returns required to be filed with respect to the Acquired Assets, the Assumed Liabilities or the Business have been duly and timely filed, and all such Tax Returns are true, complete and accurate in all material respects.
- (b) All material Taxes required to be paid with respect to the Acquired Assets, the Assumed Liabilities or the Business (whether or not shown on any Tax Return) have been duly and timely paid.
- (c) Each Seller has timely and properly collected, withheld and paid over to the appropriate Governmental Authority (or where such payment is not yet due, set aside in an account for such purpose), all Taxes required to have been collected, withheld and paid over in connection with amounts received or owed from or paid or owing to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, stockholder, customer, or other third party, and has complied with all applicable information reporting requirements, in each case, with respect to or in connection with the Acquired Assets, the Assumed Liabilities or the Business.
- (d) There is no Tax Proceeding pending or threatened in writing with respect to or relating to the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities or the Business.
- (e) None of the Acquired Assets constitutes stock, partnership interests, or any other equity interest in any Person for U.S. federal income Tax purposes.
- (f) There are no Encumbrances for Taxes on any of the Acquired Assets other than Permitted Encumbrances.
- (g) No Seller has received written notice of any material Tax deficiency outstanding, proposed or assessed, nor has any Seller waived any statute of limitations in respect of material Taxes or agreed to any extension of time with respect to a material Tax assessment, collection or deficiency with respect to the Acquired Assets, the Assumed Liabilities or the Business.
- (h) Except to the extent that doing so would not adversely impact the Acquired Assets, the Assumed Liabilities or the Business, or the Buyer's ownership of the Acquired Assets, or assumption of the Assumed Liabilities, none of Sellers has participated in any "listed transaction" within the meaning of 26 C.F.R. § 1.6011-4(b)(2).
- Section 5.11 <u>Sufficiency</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Section 5.11</u> of the Disclosure Schedules, except for Excluded Software and excluding licenses, sublicenses, covenants not to assert or

similar rights granted to Sellers solely for the development, use or maintenance of Excluded Software or information technology infrastructure, and except for any Excluded Listed Contracts (including Contracts that are designated as Excluded Listed Contracts in accordance herewith after the Effective Date), Sellers own or have, and will, pursuant to this Agreement, transfer to Buyer at the Closing, sufficient assets, rights and information necessary to (i) administer and control the operation of the Mobile Platform and Internet Properties, (ii) display any content (including any text, fonts, colors, cascading style sheets (CSS), layouts, video, images and graphics) displayed on any Business Internet Properties or the Mobile Platforms in the manner displayed in connection with the Business during the twelve months prior to the date hereof, and (iii) otherwise administer, control and use all other Acquired Assets, in each case, in a manner substantially consistent with the manner, in all material respects, as by and on behalf of Sellers (as applicable) in connection with the Business during the twelve months prior to the date hereof, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than Permitted Encumbrances), all of which rights and assets will survive the consummation of the transactions contemplated under this Agreement materially unchanged and without termination, cancellation or acceleration of any rights or payments in connection therewith; provided that Buyer agrees that no representation is being made in this Agreement, and Buyer is not relying on any representation whatsoever, in each case, with respect to Excluded Software or the information technology infrastructure held or used in connection with the Business (including "back-end" to the Mobile Platform or Business Internet Properties), inventory, payments, transition services, or similar operational matters.

Section 5.12 <u>Brokers</u>. Except for Lazard, the fees and expenses of which will be paid by Sellers, to the Knowledge of Sellers no broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other Person is entitled to any broker's, finder's, financial advisor's or other similar fee or commission, or the reimbursement of expenses in connection therewith, in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of Sellers.

Section 5.13 No Other Representations or Warranties. Except for the representations and warranties expressly contained in this Article V (as qualified by the Disclosure Schedules and in accordance with the express terms and conditions (including limitations and exclusions) of this Agreement) (the "Express Representations") (it being understood that Buyer relied only on such express representations and warranties), Buyer acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Buyer Group, that the Acquired Assets are being acquired by Buyer "as is" and "where is" and with all faults and all other representations, warranties and statements of any kind or nature expressed or implied, whether in written, electronic or oral form, and that no Seller nor any other Person on behalf of any Seller makes, and Buyer has not relied on, is not relying on, and will not rely on (i) the accuracy or completeness of any express or implied representation or warranty with respect to any Seller, the Acquired Assets, or the Assumed Liabilities or with respect to any information, statements, disclosures, documents, projections, forecasts or other material of any nature made available or provided by any Person (including in any presentations or other materials prepared by Lazard) (the "Information Presentation") or in that certain datasite administered by Intralinks (the "Dataroom") or elsewhere to Buyer or any of its Affiliates or Advisors on behalf of Sellers or any of their Affiliates or Advisors, or (ii) any other statement relating to the historical, current or future business, financial condition, results of operations, assets, Liabilities, properties, Contracts, environmental compliance, employee matters, regulatory compliance, business risks and prospects of any Seller, or the quality, quantity or condition of any Seller's assets. Without limiting the foregoing, no Seller nor any other Person will have or be

subject to any Liability whatsoever to Buyer, or any other Person, resulting from the distribution to Buyer or any of its Affiliates or Advisors, or Buyer's or any of its Affiliates' or Advisors' use of or reliance on, any such information, including the Information Presentation, the Projections, any information, statements, disclosures, documents, projections, forecasts or other material made available to Buyer or any of its Affiliates or Advisors in the Dataroom or otherwise in expectation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any discussions with respect to any of the foregoing information.

ARTICLE VI

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF BUYER

Buyer represents and warrants to Sellers as follows.

Section 6.1 <u>Organization and Qualification</u>. Buyer is a corporation duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has all requisite power and authority necessary to carry on its business as it is now being conducted, except (other than with respect to Buyer's due formation and valid existence) as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on Buyer's ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 6.2 <u>Authorization of Agreement</u>. Buyer has all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution, delivery and performance by Buyer of this Agreement, and the consummation by Buyer of the transactions contemplated hereby, subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate or similar organizational action and no other corporate or similar organizational proceedings on its part are necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by Buyer of this Agreement and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby. Subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Buyer and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery hereof by the other Parties, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of Buyer, enforceable against Buyer in accordance with its terms, except that such enforceability may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions.

Section 6.3 Conflicts; Consents.

(a) Assuming that (i) requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals are obtained, and (ii) the notices, authorizations, approvals, Orders, permits or consents set forth on Section 6.3(a) of the Disclosure Schedules are made, given or obtained (as applicable), neither the execution and delivery by Buyer of this Agreement, nor the consummation by Buyer of the transactions contemplated hereby, nor performance or compliance by Buyer with any of the terms or provisions hereof, will (A) conflict with or violate any provision of Buyer's articles of incorporation or bylaws or similar organizational documents, (B) violate any Law or Order applicable to Buyer, (C) violate or constitute a breach of or default (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) under or give rise to a right of termination, modification, or cancelation of any obligation or to the loss of any benefit, any of the terms or provisions of any loan or credit agreement or other Contract to which Buyer is a party or accelerate Buyer's obligations under any such Contract, or (D) result

in the creation of any Encumbrance (other than a Permitted Encumbrance) on any properties or assets of Buyer or any of its Subsidiaries, except, in the case of <u>clauses (A)</u> through <u>(D)</u>, as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair, alter or delay the ability of Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

- (b) Buyer is not required to file, seek or obtain any notice, authorization, approval, Order, permit or consent of or with any Governmental Authority in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by Buyer of this Agreement or the consummation by Buyer of the transactions contemplated hereby, except where failure to obtain such consent, approval, authorization or action, or to make such filing or notification, would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair, alter or delay the ability of Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.
- Section 6.4 <u>Financing</u>. Buyer has, and will have at the Closing, sufficient funds in an aggregate amount necessary to pay the Purchase Price, to perform the Assumed Liabilities as they become due in accordance with their terms and to consummate all of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the payment of the Purchase Price and all fees, expenses of, and other amounts required to be paid by, Buyer in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Buyer is and shall be capable of satisfying the conditions contained in sections 365(b)(1)(C) and 365(f) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Transferred Contracts and the related Assumed Liabilities.
- Section 6.5 <u>Brokers</u>. Except for fees and expenses that will be borne solely by Buyer, and fees and expenses connected to Buyer's engagement letter with Guggenheim Securities, LLC, there is no other investment banker, broker, finder, or other intermediary which has been retained by or is authorized to act on behalf of Buyer that might be entitled to any fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- Section 6.6 <u>No Litigation</u>. There are no Proceedings pending or, to Buyer's knowledge, threatened against or affecting Buyer except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair, alter or delay the ability of Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.
- Section 6.7 <u>No Foreign Person</u>. As of Closing, Buyer will not be a "foreign person," as defined in Section 721 of the U.S. Defense Production Act of 1950, including any implementing regulations thereof.
- Section 6.8 Solvency. Buyer is, and immediately after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be, solvent and at all times shall: (a) be able to pay its debts as they become due; (b) own property that has a fair saleable value greater than the amounts required to pay its debt and (c) have adequate capital to carry on its business. No transfer of property is being made and no obligation is being incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby with the intent to hinder, delay or defraud either present or future creditors of Buyer or Sellers. In connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, Buyer has not incurred, nor plans to incur, debts beyond its ability to pay as they become absolute and matured.

Section 6.9 <u>No Additional Representations or Warranties</u>. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this <u>Article VI</u>, Sellers acknowledge that neither Buyer nor any other Person on behalf of Buyer makes any other express or implied representation or warranty with respect to Buyer or with respect to any other information provided to Sellers by Buyer.

ARTICLE VII

BANKRUPTCY COURT MATTERS

Section 7.1 Bankruptcy Actions.

- (a) The bidding procedures to be employed with respect to this Agreement shall be those reflected in the Bidding Procedures Order. Buyer agrees and acknowledges that Sellers, including through their representatives, are and may continue soliciting inquiries, proposals or offers from third parties in connection with any Alternative Transaction pursuant to the terms of the Bidding Procedures Order.
- (b) The Parties shall use their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Sale Order. Buyer shall promptly take all actions as are reasonably requested by Sellers to assist in obtaining the Bankruptcy Court's entry of the Sale Order and any other Order reasonably necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as promptly as practicable, including furnishing affidavits, financial information, or other documents or information for filing with the Bankruptcy Court and making such employees and Advisors of Buyer and its Affiliates available to testify before the Bankruptcy Court for the purposes of, among other things, providing necessary assurances of performance by Buyer under this Agreement and demonstrating that Buyer is a "good faith" purchaser under section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, as well as demonstrating Buyer's ability to pay and perform or otherwise satisfy any Assumed Liabilities following the Closing.

Each Seller and Buyer shall (i) appear formally or informally in the Bankruptcy Court if reasonably requested by the other Party or required by the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (ii) keep the other reasonably apprised of the status of material matters related to the Agreement, including, upon reasonable request promptly furnishing the other with copies of notices or other communications received by Sellers from the Bankruptcy Court with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(c) If an Auction is conducted, and Buyer is not the prevailing party at the conclusion of such Auction (such prevailing party, the "Successful Bidder") but has the next highest (or otherwise best) bid at the Auction, Buyer shall be required to serve as a back-up bidder (the "Backup Bidder") and keep Buyer's bid to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement (as the same may be revised in the Auction) open and irrevocable until the Outside Date. If prior to the Outside Date the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the applicable Alternative Transaction as a result of a breach or failure to perform on the part of such Successful Bidder, the Backup Bidder will be deemed to have the new prevailing bid, and Sellers may, and may cause Buyer to, consummate

the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement (as the same may have been improved upon in the Auction).

- (d) Sellers and Buyer acknowledge that this Agreement and the sale of the Acquired Assets are subject to higher and better bids and Bankruptcy Court approval. Buyer acknowledges that Sellers must take reasonable steps to demonstrate that they have sought to obtain the highest or otherwise best price for the Acquired Assets, including giving notice thereof to the creditors of Sellers and other interested parties, providing information about Sellers to prospective bidders, entertaining higher and better offers from such prospective bidders, and, in the event that additional qualified prospective bidders desire to bid for the Acquired Assets, conducting an Auction.
- (e) Buyer shall provide adequate assurance of future performance as required under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code for the Transferred Contracts. Buyer agrees that it will take all actions reasonably required to assist in obtaining a Bankruptcy Court finding that there has been an adequate demonstration of adequate assurance of future performance under the Transferred Contracts, such as furnishing affidavits, non-confidential financial information and other documents or information for filing with the Bankruptcy Court and making Buyer's Advisors available to testify before the Bankruptcy Court.
- (f) After entry of the Sale Order, Sellers shall not take any action which is intended to, or fail to take any action the intent of which failure to act is to, result in the reversal, voiding, modification or staying of the Sale Order.
- Section 7.2 Sale Order. The Sale Order shall, among other things, (a) approve, pursuant to sections 105, 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, (i) the execution, delivery and performance by Sellers of this Agreement, (ii) the sale of the Acquired Assets to Buyer on the terms set forth herein and free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than Permitted Encumbrances), and (iii) the performance by Sellers of their obligations under this Agreement, (b) authorize and empower Sellers to assume and assign to Buyer the Transferred Contracts, (c) find that Buyer is a "good faith" purchaser within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, find that Buyer is not a successor to any Seller, and grant Buyer the protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, (d) find that Buyer shall have no Liability or responsibility for any Liability or other obligation of any Seller arising under or related to the Acquired Assets other than as expressly set forth in this Agreement, including successor or vicarious Liabilities of any kind or character, including any theory of antitrust, environmental, successor, or transferee Liability, labor law, de facto merger, or substantial continuity, (e) find that Buyer has provided adequate assurance (as that term is used in section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) of future performance in connection with the assumption of the Transferred Contracts, (f) find that Buyer shall have no Liability for any Excluded Liability, (g) find that the consideration provided by Buyer pursuant to this Agreement constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration for the Acquired Assets, (h) find that Buyer and Sellers did not engage in any conduct which would allow this Agreement to be set aside pursuant to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code and (i) order that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures 6004(h) and 6006(d), the Sale Order is not stayed and is effective immediately upon entry. Buyer agrees that it will promptly take such actions as are reasonably requested by any Seller to assist in obtaining Bankruptcy Court approval of the Sale Order, including furnishing affidavits or other documents or information for filing with

the Bankruptcy Court for purposes, among others, of (A) demonstrating that Buyer is a "good faith" purchaser under section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and (B) establishing adequate assurance of future performance within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Section 7.3 <u>Approval</u>. Sellers' obligations under this Agreement and in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby are subject to entry of and, to the extent entered, the terms of any Orders of the Bankruptcy Court (including entry of the Sale Order). Nothing in this Agreement shall require Sellers or their respective Affiliates to give testimony to or submit a motion to the Bankruptcy Court that is untruthful or to violate any duty of candor or other fiduciary duty to the Bankruptcy Court or its stakeholders.

ARTICLE VIII

COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS

Section 8.1 Conduct of Business of Sellers.

- (a) Except (i) as required by applicable Law, Order or a Governmental Authority, (ii) any limitations on operations imposed by the Bankruptcy Court, (iii) as expressly contemplated, required or permitted by this Agreement, (iv) to the extent related to an Excluded Asset or an Excluded Liability or (v) as set forth on Section 8.1 of the Disclosure Schedules, during the period from the date of this Agreement until the Closing (or such earlier date and time on which this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Article X), unless Buyer otherwise consents in writing (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), Sellers shall (x) use their commercially reasonable efforts to continue to operate in the Ordinary Course.
- (b) Except (A) as required by applicable Law, Order or a Governmental Authority, (B) any limitations on operations imposed by the Bankruptcy Court or the Bankruptcy Code, as the case may be, (C) as expressly contemplated, required or permitted by this Agreement, (D) to the extent related to an Excluded Asset or an Excluded Liability or (E) as set forth on Section 8.1 of the Disclosure Schedules, during the period from the Effective Date until the Closing (or such earlier date and time on which this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Article X), unless Buyer otherwise consents in writing (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), Sellers shall not:
 - (i) sell, assign, license, lease (as lessor), transfer, abandon, fail to maintain, allow to lapse or otherwise dispose of, or mortgage or pledge, or voluntarily impose or suffer to be imposed any Encumbrance (other than Assumed Liabilities and any Encumbrances that will be removed or released by operation of the Sale Order) on, any Acquired Asset;
 - (ii) cancel or compromise any material claim or waive or release any material right, in each case, that is a claim or right related to an Acquired Asset;
 - (iii) settle any pending or threatened Proceeding against any Seller that would have an adverse effect on the Acquired Assets or result in an Assumed Liability; or
 - (iv) commit or agree to take any of, the foregoing actions.

- (c) Within one Business Day of the Effective Date, Sellers shall make the changes to the home page of the Web site of the Business described on Section 8.1(c) of the Disclosure Schedules.
- (d) Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to give Buyer or its Affiliates, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct any Seller's operations or business prior to the Closing, and nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to give any Seller, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct Buyer's or its Subsidiaries' operations. Prior to the Closing, each of Buyer and Sellers shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision over its and its Subsidiaries' respective operations.

Section 8.2 Access to Information.

- From the Effective Date until the Closing (or the earlier termination of this (a) Agreement pursuant to Article X), Sellers (in their discretion) will provide Buyer and its authorized Advisors with reasonable access and upon reasonable advance notice and during regular business hours to the books and records of Sellers, in order for Buyer and its authorized Advisors to access such information regarding the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities as is reasonably necessary in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including for integration purposes); provided that (i) such access does not unreasonably interfere with the normal operations of any Seller, (ii) such access will occur in such a manner as Sellers reasonably determine to be appropriate to protect the confidentiality of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (iii) all requests for access will be directed to Lazard or such other Person(s) as Sellers may designate in writing from time to time and (iv) nothing herein will require Sellers to provide access to, or to disclose any information to, Buyer if such access or disclosure (A) would cause significant competitive harm to any Seller if the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are not consummated, (B) would require any Seller to disclose any financial or proprietary information of or regarding the Affiliates of any Seller or otherwise disclose information regarding the Affiliates of any Seller that such Seller deems to be commercially sensitive, (C) would waive any legal privilege or (D) would be in violation of applicable Laws; provided that Sellers shall use reasonable best efforts to provide the Buyer, to the extent possible, with access to the relevant information in a manner that would not reasonably be expected to violate the foregoing clauses (A) through (D).
- (b) The information provided pursuant to this <u>Section 8.2</u> will be used solely for the purpose of consummating the transactions contemplated hereby (including for integration planning), and will be governed by all the terms and conditions of the Confidentiality Agreement, which Confidentiality Agreement shall not terminate upon the execution of this Agreement notwithstanding anything to the contrary therein. Buyer will, and will cause its Advisors to, abide by the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement with respect to such access and any information furnished to Buyer or any of its Advisors. Sellers make no representation or warranty as to the accuracy of any information, if any, provided pursuant to this <u>Section 8.2</u>, and Buyer may not rely on the accuracy of any such information, in each case, other than the Express Representations.
- (c) Sellers shall not, and shall cause their Affiliates and Advisors not to, for a period of two years after the Closing, directly or indirectly, without Buyer's prior written consent,

use for any purpose (except as otherwise specifically permitted in this Agreement) or disclose to any third party (other than each other and their respective Advisors) any confidential or proprietary information concerning the Business, the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities (including such information as may be disclosed to Sellers pursuant to the exercise of its rights to access information following the Closing as set forth herein); provided that the foregoing restriction shall not (i) apply to any information (A) generally available to, or known by, the public (other than as a result of disclosure in violation of this Agreement), (B) independently developed by Sellers or any of their respective Affiliates following the Closing without any reference to confidential or proprietary information concerning the Business, or (C) becomes available to Sellers or any of their respective Representatives from a third party if such source is not known by Sellers at the time of the disclosure to be bound by a confidentiality agreement with, or other known contractual or legal obligation of confidentiality to, Buyer with respect to such information, or (ii) prohibit any disclosure (A) required by applicable Law so long as, to the extent practicable and legally permissible, the applicable Seller provides Buyer with reasonable prior notice of such disclosure and a reasonable opportunity (at Buyer's sole cost and expense) to contest such disclosure, (B) made in connection with the enforcement of any right or remedy relating to any of the Transaction Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby, (C) necessary to permit Sellers or any of their respective Affiliates to comply with their financial reporting, accounting or auditing obligations with respect to any period ending before or including the Closing Date with respect to the Business, the Excluded Assets or the Excluded Liabilities, or (D) necessary in connection with the administration of the Bankruptcy Cases, the winding down of Sellers' estate, the payment of any Taxes or the filing of any Tax Returns or the recording of any claims in connection therewith.

From and after the Closing for a period of two years following the Closing Date (or, if later, the closing of the Bankruptcy Cases), Buyer will provide Sellers and their Advisors with reasonable access, during normal business hours, and upon reasonable advance notice, to the books and records, including work papers, schedules, memoranda, Tax Returns, Tax schedules, Tax rulings, and other documents (for the purpose of examining and copying) relating to the Acquired Assets, the Excluded Assets, the Assumed Liabilities or the Excluded Liabilities with respect to periods or occurrences prior to or including the Closing Date, and reasonable access, during normal business hours, and upon reasonable advance notice, to employees, officers, Advisors, accountants, offices and properties of Buyer, in each case, solely to the extent (i) necessary to permit Sellers or any of their respective Affiliates to comply with their financial reporting, accounting or auditing obligations with respect to any period ending before or including the Closing Date with respect to the Business, or the Excluded Assets or Excluded Liabilities, (ii) as reasonably necessary for Sellers to comply with regulatory requirements under applicable Law or otherwise in connection with tax, or regulatory matters or (iii) in connection with the administration of the Bankruptcy Cases, the winding down of Sellers' estate, the payment of any Taxes or the recording of any claims in connection therewith. Unless otherwise consented to in writing by Sellers, Buyer will use commercially reasonable efforts not to, for a period of three years following the Closing Date, destroy, alter or otherwise dispose of any of such books and records without first offering to surrender to Sellers such books and records or any portion thereof that Buyer may intend to destroy, alter or dispose of. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, no Seller (or any Advisor thereof) shall be entitled to any Tax Return (or copy thereof) of Buyer or any of its Affiliates.

- (e) Except in the ordinary course of business unrelated to the Business or the transactions contemplated hereby, Buyer will not and will cause all its Advisors and Affiliates not to contact any officer, manager, director, employee, customer, supplier, lessee, lessor, lender, licensee, licensor, distributor, noteholder or other material business relation of any Seller prior to the Closing with respect to any Seller, its business or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement without the prior written consent of Sellers for each such contact (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).
- Section 8.3 <u>Reasonable Efforts; Cooperation</u>. Subject to the other terms of this Agreement, each Party shall, and shall cause its Advisors to, use its reasonable best efforts to perform its obligations hereunder and to take, or cause to be taken, and do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable to cause the transactions contemplated hereby to be effected as soon as practicable, but in any event on or prior to the Outside Date, in accordance with the terms hereof and to cooperate with each other Party and its Advisors in connection with any step required to be taken as a part of its obligations hereunder.
- Section 8.4 Further Assurances. From time to time, as and when requested by any Party and at such requesting Party's expense, any other Party will execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, all such documents and instruments and will take, or cause to be taken, all such further or other actions as such requesting Party may reasonably deem necessary or desirable to evidence and effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, in the event that any of the Acquired Assets shall not have been conveyed at Closing, Sellers shall use reasonable best efforts to convey such Acquired Assets to Buyer as promptly as practicable after the Closing. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Buyer shall have the right, following the Closing, to enter into any contracts or other commercial arrangements with respect to the Acquired Assets, including with existing or prior vendors, suppliers and other counterparties of the Business and Sellers, and Sellers shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with Buyer (at no cost or expense to Sellers, unless such cost or expense is covered by Buyer) in connection with facilitating the foregoing.
- Section 8.5 <u>Insurance Matters</u>. Buyer acknowledges that, upon Closing, all nontransferable insurance coverage provided in relation to any Seller and the Acquired Assets that is maintained by such Seller or its Affiliates (whether such policies are maintained with third party insurers or with such Seller or its Affiliates) shall cease to provide any coverage to Buyer and the Acquired Assets and no further coverage shall be available to Buyer or the Acquired Assets under any such policies.

Section 8.6 Receipt of Misdirected Assets; Liabilities.

(a) From and after the Closing, if any Seller or any of its respective Affiliates receives any right, property or asset that is an Acquired Asset, the applicable Seller shall promptly transfer or cause such of its Affiliates to transfer such right, property or asset (and shall promptly endorse and deliver any such asset that is received in the form of cash, checks or other documents) to Buyer, and such asset will be deemed the property of Buyer held in trust by such Seller for Buyer until so transferred. From and after the Closing, if Buyer or any of its Affiliates receives any right, property or asset that is an Excluded Asset, Buyer shall promptly transfer or cause such of its Affiliates to transfer such asset (and shall promptly endorse and deliver any such right,

property or asset that is received in the form of cash, checks, or other documents) to the applicable Seller, and such asset will be deemed the property of such Seller held in trust by Buyer for such Seller until so transferred.

- (b) From and after the Closing, if any Seller or any of its respective Affiliates is subject to a Liability that should be the obligation of Buyer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, such Seller shall promptly transfer or cause such of its Affiliates to transfer such Liability to Buyer, and Buyer shall assume and accept such Liability. From and after the Closing, if Buyer or any of its Affiliates is subject to a Liability that should be the obligation of a Seller pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Buyer shall promptly transfer or cause such of its Affiliates to transfer such Liability to the applicable Seller, and such Seller shall assume and accept such Liability.
- Section 8.7 <u>Transitional Trademark License</u>. To the extent any Excluded Trademarks (or any Trademarks owned or sublicensable by any Seller Party) are displayed on or included in any of the Acquired Assets as of the Closing, Sellers hereby grant to Buyer and its Affiliates a limited, royalty-free, fully paid up, worldwide, non-exclusive license, solely for a period of three months immediately following the Closing, to continue to use and display such Trademarks in a manner substantially consistent with the manner already displayed on such Acquired Assets as of the Closing.
- Section 8.8 <u>Transitional Welcome Marks License</u>. Buyer hereby grants to Seller and its Affiliates a limited, royalty-free, fully paid up, worldwide, non-exclusive license, solely until September 30, 2023, to state that the rewards program of the Excluded Business will be changing from "Welcome Rewards" to another name; provided that any such communication also includes a reasonably clear statement that such "Welcome Rewards" earned at buybuyBaby are not redeemable at bedbathandbeyond.com. Seller shall have the right to assign this license to the buyer of all or any portion of the Excluded Business.
- Section 8.9 Transitional Trademark License Back. To the extent any Trademarks constituting Business IP are (a) displayed on any inventory owned by any Seller or its Affiliates as of the Closing, or (b) otherwise used in connection with the Business as of the Closing, Buyer hereby grants to each Seller and its Affiliates a limited, royalty-free, fully paid up, worldwide, non-exclusive license, (i) with respect to (a), until the earlier of (x) July 31, 2023 or (y) the date on which Sellers have exhausted or otherwise disposed of such existing inventory (such date the "Commercialization End Date"), solely to continue to use and display such Trademarks on such inventory and at the physical retail stores where such inventory is held as at Closing, in each case, in a manner substantially consistent with the manner already displayed as of the Closing, (ii) with respect to clauses (a) and (b), until the Commercialization End Date, subject to any limitations set forth in Section 8.12 and Section 8.13, promote and market the sale and liquidation of inventory in substantially the same manner as done by Sellers prior to the Closing, and (iii) with respect to clause (b) until the earlier of September 30, 2023 or when such corporate wind-down activities are complete (the "Wind-Down End Date"), solely in connection with the wind-down of Sellers' and their respective Affiliates' remaining corporate (and not store) operations (provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, such wind-down shall, following the Commercialization End Date, exclude any sale, promotion, or commercialization of any consumer products or product inventory), but may include the sale of non-product assets (e.g., equipment, machinery, fixtures) (this clause (iii),

the "<u>Wind-Down</u>"). Each Seller shall, and shall cause its Affiliates to, ensure that any goods and services provided in association with any such Trademarks are of a character and quality substantially equivalent to or better than the quality of those provided by Sellers in the twelve month period prior to the Closing, and will not use or display any such Trademarks in a manner that impairs the goodwill associated therewith in any material respect.

Section 8.10 <u>Legal Entity Names</u>. Without limiting <u>Section 8.9</u>, to the extent that any Sellers or their Affiliates continue to incorporate the Trademarks or words "Bed Bath & Beyond," "Bed Bath and Beyond," or any combination or variation of the foregoing ("<u>Beyond Marks</u>") in their corporate or legal names following the Closing, Sellers shall, and shall cause any such applicable Affiliates to, by no later than September 30, 2023, (a) dissolve such entities or (b) change the corporate and legal names of such entities to no longer incorporate any Beyond Marks.

Section 8.11 <u>Mobile Platform Transfer and Update</u>.

- (a) Sellers shall, and shall cause any of their applicable Affiliates to, at least seven Business Days prior to Closing, submit or cause to be submitted to the Apple App Store and Google Play Store the applicable Software packages that Buyer will provide to Sellers for the purpose of updating the mobile Software applications made available through the Mobile Platforms; provided that (i) Sellers may stipulate when submitting such Software packages and attendant update requests that the "go-live" date for such updates will occur on or within two days following the date of the hearing before the Bankruptcy Court to consider the Sale Order, and (ii) Sellers may cancel and rescind such update request if this Agreement terminates prior to Closing. Sellers shall mark such submission for "manual release," and immediately following the Closing, Sellers shall, and shall cause any of their applicable Affiliates to, provide Buyer with access to the accounts held by or on behalf of Sellers and their Affiliates with respect to the Mobile Platform on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.
- (b) Without limiting the foregoing, Sellers shall, and shall cause any of their applicable Affiliates to, reasonably cooperate and assist in good faith as may be reasonably requested by the Buyer in connection with the Buyer's efforts to prepare and promptly implement any updates needed to commence Buyer's administration, operation and control of the Mobile Platform (and the content provided thereon) promptly following the Closing.

Section 8.12 <u>Use of Email</u>. From and after the Closing, Sellers shall be permitted and entitled (a) until the Commercialization End Date (i) to use and access the bedbathandbeyond.com email domain to email customers of the Business (including using customer information included in Business Data) and (ii) maintain and operate the website at bedbathandbeyond.com, in each case, in connection with the promotion and marketing of the sale and liquidation of inventory in substantially the same manner as done by Sellers prior to the Closing, but subject to <u>Section 8.13</u>, and (b) until the Wind-Down End Date, permit Sellers and its designees to use and access the bedbath.com email domain as an email server in connection with the Wind-Down. Buyer shall, and shall cause the Buyer Group to, reasonably cooperate with and assist Sellers in connection with the foregoing, and Buyer shall not, and shall cause the Buyer Group not to, take any actions that will prevent any Seller or its designees from performing the foregoing. Without limiting the foregoing, Buyer shall, and shall cause members of the Buyer Group to, (y) through July 31, 2023, maintain and operate the bedbathandbeyond.com email domain as currently configured, and

(z) through September 30, 2023, maintain and operate the bedbath.com email domain as currently configured. Any communication by Sellers on bedbath.com will be and will remain Sellers' exclusive property, and Buyer will not, and will not permit any of its Advisors acting on its behalf to, access such communication without Sellers' (or their applicable successors', if any) prior written consent.

Cooperation on Communications. Following the Closing, no Seller shall Section 8.13 send out any email or other notice communication to customers without the prior written consent of Buyer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed); provided that (a) consent shall be deemed received if Buyer does not object within 24 hours of Buyer's receipt of such proposed communication (which may be by email to the address set forth in Section 12.3 but not subject to the timing requirements in such section), (b) such consent shall not be required (but Buyer shall still receive prompt notice thereof) if the proposed communication is substantially identical to (i) any prior communication consented to (or deemed consented to in accordance with clause (a)) by Buyer or (ii) the form(s) attached to Section 8.13 of the Disclosure Schedules, and (c) any objection solely due to pricing or discount information shall be deemed unreasonable. Following the Closing through July 31, 2023, Buyer shall not, and shall cause each member of the Buyer Group not to, send any email or other communication to customers of the Business, and include any messaging on the website of the Business, in each case, that actively seeks to keep customers from going to the brick and mortar stores of the Business for the "store closing" sales of the Business. Sellers each agree that, following the Closing, no Seller shall send any email or other communication to customers of the Business, or include any messaging on the website of the Business, in each case that states or implies that the e-commerce part of the Business is ceasing operations or winding down its business activities. For the avoidance of doubt, the term "going out of business" shall not be included in any email or other customer communication without specific modifications limiting its meaning to physical stores and inventory.

Section 8.14 <u>IP Condition</u>. Sellers shall use reasonable best efforts to satisfy the matters described on <u>Section 8.14</u> of the Disclosure Schedules in accordance with the terms thereof (the completion and performance of such matters, the "<u>IP Condition</u>").

Section 8.15 Acknowledgment by Buyer.

(a) Buyer acknowledges and agrees that it has conducted to its full satisfaction an independent investigation and verification of the business (including its financial condition, results of operations, assets, Liabilities, properties, Contracts, environmental, health or safety conditions and compliance, employee matters, regulatory compliance, business risks and prospects) of Sellers, the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities, and, in making its determination to proceed with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, Buyer has relied solely on the Express Representations and the results of the Buyer Group's own independent investigation and verification and has not relied on, is not relying on, and will not rely on, any information, statements, disclosures, documents, projections, forecasts or other material made available to Buyer or any of its Affiliates or Advisors in the Dataroom, the Information Presentation, or the Projections or any other information, statements, disclosures or materials, in each case, whether written or oral, made or provided by or on behalf of any Seller, or any failure of any of the foregoing to disclose or contain any information, except for the Express Representations (it being understood that Buyer has relied only on the Express Representations).

Buyer acknowledges and agrees that (i) the Express Representations are the sole and exclusive representations, warranties and statements of any kind made to Buyer or any member of the Buyer Group and on which Buyer or any member of the Buyer Group may rely in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (ii) all other representations, warranties and statements of any kind or nature expressed or implied, whether in written, electronic or oral form, including (A) the completeness or accuracy of, or any omission to state or to disclose, any information (other than solely to the extent expressly set forth in the Express Representations) including in the Dataroom, Information Presentation, Projections, meetings, calls or correspondence with management of any Seller, any of the Seller Parties or any other Person on behalf of any Seller or any of the Seller Parties or any of their respective Affiliates or Advisors and (B) any other statement relating to the historical, current or future business, financial condition, results of operations, assets, Liabilities, properties, Contracts, environmental, health or safety conditions and compliance, employee matters, regulatory compliance, business risks and prospects of Sellers, or the quality, quantity or condition of any Seller's assets, are, in each case, specifically disclaimed by each Seller, on its behalf and on behalf of the Seller Parties. Buyer, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Buyer Group: (1) disclaims reliance on the items in clause (ii) in the immediately preceding sentence; and (2) acknowledges and agrees that it has relied on, is relying on and will rely on only the items in clause (i) in the immediately preceding sentence.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in connection with the investigation by the Buyer Group of Sellers, Buyer and the members of the Buyer Group, and the Advisors of each of the foregoing, have received or may receive, from or on behalf of Sellers, certain projections, forward-looking statements and other forecasts (whether in written, electronic, or oral form, and including in the Information Presentation, Dataroom, management meetings, etc.) (collectively, "Projections"). Buyer acknowledges and agrees that (i) such Projections are being provided solely for the convenience of Buyer to facilitate its own independent investigation of Sellers, (ii) there are uncertainties inherent in attempting to make such Projections, (iii) Buyer is familiar with such uncertainties, and (iv) Buyer is taking full responsibility for making their own evaluation of the adequacy and accuracy of all Projections (including the reasonableness of the assumptions underlying such Projections).

ARTICLE IX

CONDITIONS TO CLOSING

- Section 9.1 <u>Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of Buyer and Sellers</u>. The respective obligations of each Party to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction (or to the extent permitted by Law, written waiver by Sellers and Buyer) on or prior to the Closing Date, of each of the following conditions:
- (a) no court of competent jurisdiction shall have issued, enacted, entered, promulgated or enforced any Order (including any temporary restraining Order or preliminary or permanent injunction) restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the transactions contemplated by this Agreement that is still in effect; and

- (b) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Sale Order, which shall not (i) be subject to any stay or (ii) have been vacated or modified after entrance in any respect and this Agreement shall become effective in accordance with its terms.
- Section 9.2 <u>Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of Buyer</u>. The obligations of Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction (or to the extent permitted by Law, written waiver by Buyer in its sole discretion), on or prior to the Closing Date, of each of the following conditions:
- (a) (i) the representations and warranties made by Sellers in Article V (in each case, other than the Fundamental Representations) shall be true and correct in all respects as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date, except (A) that representations and warranties that are made as of a specified date need be true and correct only as of such date and (B) to the extent the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct as of such dates has not had a Material Adverse Effect (provided that for purposes of the foregoing clauses, the qualifications as to materiality and Material Adverse Effect contained in such representations and warranties shall not be given effect (other than those contained in Section 5.5)) and (ii) the representations and warranties set forth in Section 5.1 and Section 5.2 (collectively, the "Fundamental Representations") shall be true and correct in all respects as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date, except that such Fundamental Representations that are made as of a specified date need be true and correct in all material respects only as of such date;
- (b) Sellers shall have performed and complied in all material respects with the covenants contained in this Agreement which are required to be performed and complied with by Sellers on or prior to the Closing;
- (c) Buyer shall have received a certificate signed by an executive officer of Sellers stating that the conditions specified in Section 9.2(a) and Section 9.2(b) have been satisfied; and
- (d) Sellers shall have delivered, or caused to be delivered, to Buyer all of the items set forth in <u>Section 4.3</u>, except for such deliveries which, by their nature, cannot be made on or prior to the Closing.
- Section 9.3 <u>Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of Sellers</u>. The obligations of Sellers to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction (or to the extent permitted by Law, written waiver by Sellers in their sole discretion), on or prior to the Closing Date, of each of the following conditions:
- (a) The representations and warranties of Buyer contained in <u>Article VI</u> shall be true and correct in all respects as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date, except (i) that representations and warranties that are made as of a specified date need be true and correct only as of such date and (ii) to the extent the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct as of such dates, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair the ability of Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

- (b) Buyer shall have performed and complied in all material respects with the covenants contained in this Agreement which are required to be performed and complied with by it on or prior to the Closing;
- (c) Sellers shall have received a certificate signed by an executive officer of Buyer stating that the conditions specified in <u>Section 9.3(a)</u> and <u>Section 9.3(b)</u> have been satisfied; and
- (d) Buyer shall have delivered, or caused to be delivered, to Sellers all of the items set forth in Section 4.2, except for such deliveries which, by their nature, cannot be made on or prior to the Closing.

ARTICLE X

TERMINATION

- Section 10.1 <u>Termination of Agreement</u>. This Agreement may be terminated only in accordance with this <u>Section 10.1</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing:
 - (a) by the mutual written consent of Sellers and Buyer;
- (b) by written notice of either Buyer or Sellers, upon the issuance of an Order by a court of competent jurisdiction restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or declaring unlawful the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and such Order having become final, binding and non-appealable; <u>provided</u> that no Party may terminate this Agreement under this <u>Section 10.1(b)</u> if the issuance of such Order was caused by such Party's material breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) by written notice of either Buyer or Sellers, if the Closing shall not have occurred on or before July 3, 2023 (the "Outside Date"); provided that a Party shall not be permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.1(c) if the failure of the Closing to have occurred by the Outside Date was caused by such Party's material breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (d) by written notice from Sellers to Buyer, upon a breach of any covenant or agreement on the part of Buyer, or if any representation or warranty of Buyer will have become untrue, in each case, such that the conditions set forth in Section 9.3(a) or Section 9.3(b) would not be satisfied, including a breach of Buyer's obligation to consummate the Closing; provided that (i) if such breach is curable by Buyer then Sellers may not terminate this Agreement under this Section 10.1(d) unless such breach has not been cured by the date which that the earlier of (A) the Outside Date and (B) 15 Business Days after Sellers notify Buyer in writing of such breach and (ii) the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.1(d) will not be available to Sellers at any time that Sellers are in material breach of, any covenant, representation or warranty hereunder such that the conditions set forth in Section 9.2(a) or Section 9.2(b) would not be satisfied;

- (e) by written notice from Buyer to Sellers, upon a breach of any covenant or agreement on the part of Sellers, or if any representation or warranty of Sellers will have become untrue, in each case, such that the conditions set forth in Section 9.2(a) or Section 9.2(b) would not be satisfied; provided that (i) if such breach is curable by Sellers then Buyer may not terminate this Agreement under this Section 10.1(e) unless such breach has not been cured by the date which is the earlier of (A) the Outside Date and (B) 15 Business Days after Buyer notifies Sellers in writing of such breach and (ii) the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.1(e) will not be available to Buyer at any time that Buyer is in material breach of, any covenant, representation or warranty hereunder such that the conditions set forth in Section 9.3(a) or Section 9.3(b) would not be satisfied;
- (f) by written notice from Sellers to Buyer, if all of the conditions set forth in Section 9.1 and 9.2 have been satisfied (other than conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions at the Closing) or waived and Buyer fails to complete the Closing at the time required by Section 4.1;
- (g) by written notice from Sellers to Buyer, if any Seller or the board of directors of BBBY determines that proceeding with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or failing to terminate this Agreement would be inconsistent with the board's fiduciary duties under applicable Law;
- (h) by written notice of either Buyer or Sellers, if any Seller consummates one or more Alternative Transactions with one or more Persons other than Buyer. For the avoidance of doubt, a transaction entered into by any Sellers that is not an Alternative Transaction shall not entitle Buyer to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 10.1(h)</u>;

(i) by Buyer:

- (i) if one or more of the Bankruptcy Cases is dismissed or converted to a liquidation proceeding under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (ii) If the Bankruptcy Court enters any Order that would reasonably be expect to prevent, impede or materially delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby in accordance with the terms hereof; or
- (iii) if any creditor of any Seller obtains a final and unstayed Order of the Bankruptcy Court granting relief from the stay to foreclose on any portion of the Acquired Assets.
- (j) by written notice from Buyer to Sellers, if Buyer is not the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder at the Auction.

Section 10.2 Effect of Termination.

(a) In the event of termination of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 10.1</u>, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and no Party or any of its partners, officers, directors, managers or equityholders will have any Liability under this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that <u>Section 3.2</u>, <u>Section 8.2(b)</u>, this <u>Section 10.2</u> and <u>Article XII</u> shall survive any such termination; <u>provided</u>

<u>further</u> that no termination will relieve any Party from any Liability for damages, losses, costs or expenses (which the Parties acknowledge and agree shall not be limited to reimbursement of expenses or out-of-pocket costs, and would include the benefits of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement lost by the Parties (taking into consideration all relevant matters, including other combination opportunities and the time value of money), which shall be deemed in such event to be damages of the applicable Party(s)) resulting from any Willful Breach of this Agreement prior to the date of such termination (which, for the avoidance of doubt, will be deemed to include any failure by any Party to consummate the Closing if and when it is obligated to do so hereunder). Subject to <u>Section 12.12</u>, nothing in this <u>Section 10.2</u> will be deemed to impair the right of any Party to be entitled to specific performance or other equitable remedies to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

- (b) If this Agreement is terminated other than (i) by Sellers pursuant to Section 10.1(c) (if termination pursuant to Section 10.1(c) would be unavailable to Buyer) or (ii) pursuant to Section 10.1(a), Section 10.1(d), or Section 10.1(f), then Sellers (jointly and severally) shall pay Buyer by wire transfer of immediately available funds within three Business Days following such termination of this Agreement an amount equal to the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including fees and expenses of its counsel and financial advisor) incurred by Buyer in connection with the negotiation, diligence, execution, performance and enforcement of this Agreement ("Expense Reimbursement"), which amount shall not exceed \$430,000. The Expense Reimbursement shall be treated as an administrative expense in the Bankruptcy Case under Section 503 and Section 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. For the avoidance of doubt, the Expense Reimbursement, if payable pursuant to this Section 10.2(b), shall be in addition to the return of the Deposit and payment of the Breakup Fee, in each case, to the extent payable to Buyer pursuant to Section 3.2 and Section 10.2(c), respectively.
- In consideration for Buyer having expended considerable time and expense in connection with this Agreement and the negotiation thereof, Sellers (jointly and severally) shall pay to Buyer a break-up fee in an amount equal to \$430,000 (the "Breakup Fee") plus the Expense Reimbursement to an account designated by Buyer in writing to Sellers, (i) in the event that this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 10.1(e) or Section 10.1(h) or (ii) in the event this Agreement is otherwise terminated pursuant to Section 10.1(g), Section 10.1(i), or Section 10.1(j) or terminated by Sellers pursuant to Section 10.1(c) and, solely in the case of this clause (ii), at any time within 12 months following the termination of this Agreement an Alternative Transaction shall have been consummated (an "Alternative Transaction Trigger"). Such Breakup Fee shall be due and payable (x) within five Business Days after the termination of this Agreement by Buyer in the case of the foregoing clause (i), and (y) simultaneously with the earliest to occur of any Alternative Transaction Trigger in the case of the foregoing clause (ii). The Breakup Fee shall be treated as an administrative expense in the Bankruptcy Case under Section 503 and Section 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. For the avoidance of doubt, the Breakup Fee, if payable pursuant to this Section 10.2(c), shall be in addition to the return of the Deposit and payment of the Expense Reimbursement, in each case, to the extent payable to Buyer pursuant to Section 3.2 and Section 10.2(b), respectively.
- (d) Each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that the agreements contained in this <u>Section 10.2</u> are an integral part of this Agreement and that the Expense Reimbursement and the Breakup Fee are not a penalty, but rather represent liquidated damages in a reasonable

amount that will reasonably compensate Buyer in the circumstances in which such Expense Reimbursement and/or Breakup Fee, as applicable, is payable for the efforts and resources expended and opportunities foregone by Buyer while negotiating and pursuing this Agreement and in reasonable reliance on this Agreement and on the reasonable expectation of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, which amount would otherwise be impossible to calculate with precision.

- (e) If Sellers fail to take any action necessary to cause the delivery of the Breakup Fee and/or the Expense Reimbursement under circumstances where Buyer is entitled to the Breakup Fee and/or the Expense Reimbursement and, in order to obtain such Breakup Fee and/or Expense Reimbursement, Buyer commences a suit which results in a judgment in favor of Buyer, Sellers (jointly and severally) shall pay to Buyer, in addition to the Breakup Fee and/or the Expense Reimbursement, an amount in cash equal to the costs and expenses (including attorney's and financial advisor fees) incurred by Buyer in connection with such suit.
- (f) Pursuant to the Bidding Procedures Order, the claim of Buyer in respect of the Expense Reimbursement or the Breakup Fee is and constitutes an allowed administrative expense claim against Sellers under sections 503 and 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Case.

ARTICLE XI

TAXES

Section 11.1 <u>Transfer Taxes</u>. Any sales, use, excise, purchase, transfer, franchise, deed, fixed asset, stamp, documentary stamp, value added, recordation, license, conveyance, use and other similar Taxes imposed on or with respect to the sale of the Acquired Assets or the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities under this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby ("<u>Transfer Taxes</u>") shall be borne and timely paid fifty percent (50%) by Sellers and fifty percent (50%) by Buyer; <u>provided</u> that Buyer shall not be liable for more than \$100,000 of Transfer Taxes and any Transfer Taxes in excess of \$200,000 (such that, in the absence of this proviso, Buyer would be liable for more than \$100,000 of such Transfer Taxes) shall be borne by Sellers. Buyer shall timely file all Tax Returns related to any Transfer Taxes. Buyer and Sellers will use commercially reasonable efforts and cooperate in good faith to exempt the transactions contemplated hereby from any Transfer Taxes to the extent allowed under applicable Law.

Section 11.2 <u>Periodic Taxes</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, with respect to any Acquired Asset, Sellers and Buyer shall apportion the liability for real and personal property Taxes, ad valorem Taxes, and similar Taxes (other than Transfer Taxes) ("<u>Periodic Taxes</u>") for Straddle Periods applicable to such Acquired Asset in accordance with this <u>Section 11.2</u>. The Periodic Taxes described in this <u>Section 11.2</u> shall be apportioned between Sellers and Buyer as of the Closing Date, with Buyer liable for that portion of the Periodic Taxes for a Straddle Period (which portion of such Taxes shall for purposes of this Agreement be deemed attributable to the Post-Closing Tax Period) equal to the Periodic Taxes for such Straddle Period *multiplied by* a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days remaining in such Straddle Period after the Closing Date, and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such entire Straddle Period. Sellers shall be liable for that portion of the Periodic Taxes for a Straddle Period (which

portion of such Taxes shall for purposes of this Agreement be deemed attributable to the Pre-Closing Tax Period) equal to the Periodic Taxes for such Straddle Period *multiplied by* a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the portion of such Straddle Period ending on (and including) the Closing Date, and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such entire Straddle Period. The party hereto responsible under applicable Law for paying a Tax described in this Section 11.2 shall be responsible for administering the payment of such Tax.

Section 11.3 <u>Reimbursements</u>. Sellers, on the one hand, or Buyer on the other hand, as the case may be (the "<u>Reimbursing Party</u>") shall provide reimbursement for any Tax paid by the other (the "<u>Paying Party</u>"), all or a portion of which is the responsibility of the Reimbursing Party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 11.4 <u>Cooperation</u>. Buyer and Sellers shall reasonably cooperate, as and to the extent reasonably requested by the other Party, in connection with the preparation or filing of Tax Returns, the determination of any liability in respect of Taxes or the right to any refund, credit, or prepayment in respect of Taxes, and any Tax Proceeding.

Section 11.5 Preparation of Tax Returns and Payment of Taxes. Buyer shall prepare and timely file all non-income Tax Returns solely relating to the Acquired Assets for any Straddle Period. Buyer shall prepare such Tax Returns consistent with past practice and shall provide Sellers with a draft of such Tax Returns at least 30 days (or such shorter period as is reasonable taking into account the Tax period and the nature of the relevant Tax Return or other relevant circumstances) prior to the filing of any such Tax Return. Buyer shall incorporate any changes reasonably requested by Sellers with respect to such Tax Returns if such Tax Returns could materially and adversely affect Sellers in a Pre-Closing Tax Period or reflect a Tax that is borne by Sellers pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise. Buyer shall be responsible for paying any Taxes reflected on any Tax Return that Buyer is obligated to prepare and file under this Section 11.5, except to the extent such Taxes constitute an Excluded Tax.

ARTICLE XII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 12.1 Non-Survival of Representations and Warranties and Certain Covenants; Certain Waivers. Each of the representations and warranties and the covenants and agreements (to the extent such covenant or agreement contemplates or requires performance by such Party prior to the Closing) of the Parties set forth in this Agreement or in any other document contemplated hereby, or in any certificate delivered hereunder or thereunder, will terminate effective immediately as of the Closing such that no claim for breach of any such representation, warranty, covenant or agreement, detrimental reliance or other right or remedy (whether in contract, in tort or at law or in equity) may be brought with respect thereto after the Closing. Each covenant and agreement that explicitly contemplates performance after the Closing, will, in each case and to such extent, expressly survive the Closing in accordance with its terms, and if no term is specified, then for five years following the Closing Date, and nothing in this Section 12.1 will be deemed to limit any rights or remedies of any Person for breach of any such surviving covenant or agreement. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the agreements contained in this Section 12.1 (a) require

performance after the Closing to the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law and will survive the Closing for five years and (b) are an integral part of the transactions contemplated hereby and that, without the agreements set forth in this <u>Section 12.1</u>, none of the Parties would enter into this Agreement.

Section 12.2 <u>Expenses</u>. Whether or not the Closing takes place, except as otherwise provided herein (including, for the avoidance of doubt, <u>Section 10.2</u>), all fees, costs and expenses (including fees, costs and expenses of Advisors) incurred in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement and the other agreements contemplated hereby, the performance of this Agreement and the other agreements contemplated hereby and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby will be paid by the Party incurring such fees, costs and expenses; it being acknowledged and agreed that Sellers and Buyers shall each bear 50% of any reasonable fees and expenses of the Escrow Agent, all Transfer Taxes will be governed by <u>Section 11.1</u>, and all Cure Costs will be governed by Section 2.4(c) and Section 2.5.

Section 12.3 <u>Notices</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all notices, demands and other communications to be given or delivered under or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement will be in writing and will be deemed to have been given (a) when personally delivered, (b) when transmitted by electronic mail (having obtained electronic delivery confirmation thereof), (c) the day following the day on which the same has been delivered prepaid to a reputable national overnight air courier service or (d) the third Business Day following the day on which the same is sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, in each case, to the respective Party at the number, electronic mail address or street address, as applicable, set forth below, or at such other number, electronic mail address or street address as such Party may specify by written notice to the other Party.

Notices to Buyer:

Overstock.com, Inc. 799 W. Coliseum Way Midvale, UT 84047

Attention: Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

Email: gnickle@overstock.com

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 West 52nd Street

New York, NY 10019

Attn: Scott K. Charles

Michael S. Benn Gordon S. Moodie

E-Mail: SKCharles@wlrk.com

MSBenn@wlrk.com GSMoodie@wlrk.com

Notices to Sellers:

Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. 650 Liberty Avenue Union, New Jersey 07083

Attention: EVP, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

E-mail: david.kastin@bedbath.com

with copies to (which shall not constitute notice):

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 601 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10022

Attention: Josh Sussberg, P.C.

Steve Toth Daniel Elizondo Emily Geier Derek Hunter

Email: jsussberg@kirkland.com

steve.toth@kirkland.com daniel.elizondo@kirkland.com emily.geier@kirkland.com derek.hunter@kirkland.com

Section 12.4 <u>Binding Effect; Assignment.</u> This Agreement shall be binding upon Buyer and, subject to the terms of the Bidding Procedures Order (with respect to the matters covered thereby) and the entry and terms of the Sale Order, Sellers, and shall inure to the benefit of and be so binding on the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, including any trustee or estate representative appointed in the Bankruptcy Cases or any successor Chapter 7 cases; <u>provided</u> that neither this Agreement nor any of the rights or obligations hereunder may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of Buyer and Sellers, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such prior written consent shall be null and void; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the rights of Buyer under this Agreement may be assigned by Buyer, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of any Seller, to one or more of Buyer's Affiliates so long as Buyer shall continue to remain obligated in full hereunder.

Section 12.5 <u>Amendment and Waiver</u>. Any provision of this Agreement or the Disclosure Schedules or exhibits hereto may be (a) amended only in a writing signed by Buyer and Sellers that are party to this Agreement or (b) waived only in a writing executed by the Person against which enforcement of such waiver is sought. No waiver of any provision hereunder or any breach or default thereof will extend to or affect in any way any other provision or prior or subsequent breach or default.

Section 12.6 <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, nothing expressed or referred to in this Agreement will be construed to give any Person other than the Parties any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under or with respect to this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement.

Section 12.7 <u>Non-Recourse</u>. This Agreement may only be enforced against, and any Proceeding based upon, arising out of or related to this Agreement may only be brought against, the Persons that are expressly named as parties to this Agreement. Except to the extent named as a party to this Agreement, and then only to the extent of the specific obligations of such parties set forth in this Agreement, no past, present or future shareholder, member, partner, manager, director, officer, employee, Affiliate, agent or Advisor of any Party will have any Liability (whether in contract, tort, equity or otherwise) for any of the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements, or other obligations or Liabilities of any of the Parties with respect to the matters set forth in this Agreement or for any Agreement Dispute.

Section 12.8 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable Law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable Law in any jurisdiction, such provision will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity in such jurisdiction, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement or in any other jurisdiction.

Section 12.9 <u>Construction</u>. The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the Parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any Person. The headings of the sections and paragraphs of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and will in no way restrict or otherwise modify any of the terms or provisions hereof.

Section 12.10 Disclosure Schedules. The Disclosure Schedules have been arranged for purposes of convenience in separately numbered sections corresponding to the sections of this Agreement; provided that each section or subsection of the Disclosure Schedules will be deemed to incorporate by reference any information disclosed against any representation or warranty in any other section or subsection of the Disclosure Schedules to the extent it is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure that it is applicable to qualify such representation and warranty. Capitalized terms used in the Disclosure Schedules and not otherwise defined therein have the meanings given to them in this Agreement. The specification of any dollar amount or the inclusion of any item in the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, the Disclosure Schedules or the attached exhibits is not intended to imply that the amounts, or higher or lower amounts, or the items so included, or other items, are or are not required to be disclosed (including whether such amounts or items are required to be disclosed as material or threatened) or are within or outside of the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, and no Party will use the fact of the setting of the amounts or the fact of the inclusion of any item in this Agreement, the Disclosure Schedules or exhibits in any dispute or controversy between the Parties as to whether any obligation, item or matter not set forth or included in this Agreement, the Disclosure Schedules or exhibits is or is not required to be disclosed (including whether the amount or items are required to be disclosed as material or threatened) or are within or outside of the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice. In addition, matters reflected in the Disclosure Schedules are not necessarily limited to matters required by this Agreement to be reflected in the Disclosure Schedules. Such additional matters are set forth for informational purposes only and do not necessarily include other matters of a similar nature. No information set forth in the Disclosure Schedules will be deemed to broaden in any way the scope of the Parties' representations and warranties. The information contained in this Agreement, in the Disclosure Schedules and exhibits

hereto is disclosed solely for purposes of this Agreement, and no information contained herein or therein will be deemed to be an admission by any Party to any third party of any matter whatsoever, including any violation of Law or breach of Contract.

Section 12.11 Complete Agreement. This Agreement, together with the Confidentiality Agreement and any other agreements expressly referred to herein (including the Transaction Documents) or therein, contains the entire agreement of the Parties respecting the sale and purchase of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements among the Parties respecting the sale and purchase of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, the terms and provisions of the execution version of this Agreement will control and prior drafts of this Agreement and the documents referenced herein will not be considered or analyzed for any purpose (including in support of parol evidence proffered by any Person in connection with this Agreement), will be deemed not to provide any evidence as to the meaning of the provisions hereof or the intent of the Parties with respect hereto and will be deemed joint work product of the Parties.

Section 12.12 Specific Performance. The Parties agree that irreparable damage, for which monetary relief, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy, would occur in the event that any provision of this Agreement is not performed in accordance with its specific terms or is otherwise breached, including if any of the Parties fails to take any action required of it hereunder to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. It is accordingly agreed that (a) the Parties will be entitled to an injunction or injunctions, specific performance or other equitable relief to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof in the courts described in Section 12.13 without proof of damages or otherwise, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled under this Agreement, and (b) the right of specific performance and other equitable relief is an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and without that right, neither Sellers nor Buyer would have entered into this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge and agree that any Party pursuing an injunction or injunctions or other Order to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement in accordance with this Section 12.12 will not be required to provide any bond or other security in connection with any such Order. The remedies available to the Parties pursuant to this Section 12.12 will be in addition to any other remedy to which they were entitled at law or in equity, and the election to pursue an injunction or specific performance will not restrict, impair or otherwise limit any Party from seeking to collect or collecting damages. If, prior to the Outside Date, any Party brings any action, in each case in accordance with Section 12.13, to enforce specifically the performance of the terms and provisions hereof by any other Party, the Outside Date will automatically be extended (i) for the period during which such action is pending, plus three Business Days or (ii) by such other time period established by the court presiding over such action, as the case may be.

Section 12.13 <u>Jurisdiction and Exclusive Venue</u>. Each of the Parties irrevocably agrees that any Proceeding of any kind whatsoever, including a counterclaim, cross-claim, or defense, regardless of the legal theory under which any Liability or obligation may be sought to be imposed, whether sounding in contract or in tort or under statute, or whether at law or in equity, or otherwise under any legal or equitable theory, that may be based upon, arising out of, or related to this

Agreement or the negotiation, execution, or performance of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby and any questions concerning the construction, interpretation, validity and enforceability of this Agreement (each, an "Agreement Dispute") brought by any other Party or its successors or assigns will be brought and determined only in (a) the Bankruptcy Court and any federal court to which an appeal from the Bankruptcy Court may be validly taken or (b) if the Bankruptcy Court is unwilling or unable to hear such Proceeding, in the United States federal courts for the Southern District of New York (the "Chosen Courts"), and each of the Parties hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts for itself and with respect to its property, generally and unconditionally, with regard to any Agreement Dispute. Each of the Parties agrees not to commence any Agreement Dispute except in the Chosen Courts, other than Proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce any Order, decree or award rendered by any Chosen Courts, and no Party will file a motion to dismiss any Agreement Dispute filed in a Chosen Court on any jurisdictional or venue-related grounds, including the doctrine of forum non-conveniens. The Parties irrevocably agree that venue would be proper in any of the Chosen Court, and hereby irrevocably waive any objection that any such court is an improper or inconvenient forum for the resolution of any Agreement Dispute. Each of the Parties further irrevocably and unconditionally consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 12.3. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any Party to serve process in any other manner permitted by Law.

Section 12.14 Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial.

- (a) Except to the extent the mandatory provisions of the Bankruptcy Code apply, this Agreement and any Agreement Dispute will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal Laws of the State of Delaware applicable to agreements executed and performed entirely within such State without regards to conflicts of law principles of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction that would cause the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware to apply.
- (b) EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY AGREEMENT DISPUTE IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES AND THEREFORE HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY AGREEMENT DISPUTE. EACH OF THE PARTIES AGREES AND CONSENTS THAT ANY SUCH AGREEMENT DISPUTE WILL BE DECIDED BY COURT TRIAL WITHOUT A JURY AND THAT THE PARTIES MAY FILE AN ORIGINAL COUNTERPART OF A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES TO THE IRREVOCABLE WAIVER OF THEIR RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY. EACH PARTY (I) CERTIFIES THAT NO ADVISOR OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF ANY AGREEMENT DISPUTE, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (II) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

Section 12.15 No Right to Set Off. Buyer, on its own behalf and on behalf the Buyer Group and its and their respective successors and permitted assigns, hereby waives any rights of set-off,

netting, offset, recoupment or similar rights that Buyer, any member of the Buyer Group or any of its or their respective successors and permitted assigns has or may have with respect to the payment of the Purchase Price or any other payments to be made by Buyer pursuant to this Agreement or any other document or instrument delivered by Buyer in connection herewith.

Section 12.16 Counterparts and PDF. This Agreement and any other agreements referred to herein or therein, and any amendments hereto or thereto, may be executed in multiple counterparts, any one of which need not contain the signature of more than one party hereto or thereto, but all such counterparts taken together will constitute one and the same instrument. Any counterpart, to the extent signed and delivered by means of a .PDF or other electronic transmission, will be treated in all manner and respects as an original Contract and will be considered to have the same binding legal effects as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. Minor variations in the form of the signature page to this Agreement or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, including footers from earlier versions of this Agreement or any such other document, will be disregarded in determining the effectiveness of such signature. At the request of any party or pursuant to any such Contract, each other party hereto or thereto will re-execute original forms thereof and deliver them to all other parties. No party hereto or to any such Contract will raise the use of a .PDF or other electronic transmission to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or Contract was transmitted or communicated through the use of PDF or other electronic transmission as a defense to the formation of a Contract and each such party forever waives any such defense.

Section 12.17 <u>Publicity</u>. Neither Sellers nor Buyer shall issue any press release or public announcement concerning this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby without obtaining the prior written approval of the other Party, which approval will not be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed, unless, in the reasonable judgment of Buyer or Sellers, disclosure is otherwise required by applicable Law or by the Bankruptcy Court with respect to filings to be made with the Bankruptcy Court in connection with this Agreement or by the applicable rules of any stock exchange on which Buyer or Sellers (or their respective Affiliates) lists securities; <u>provided</u> that the Party intending to make such release shall use its reasonable efforts consistent with such applicable Law or Bankruptcy Court requirement to consult with the other Party with respect to the text thereof; <u>provided further</u> that the restrictions set forth herein shall not apply to the extent the information contained therein substantially reiterates (or is substantially consistent with) previous releases, public disclosures or public statements made in compliance with this <u>Section 12.17</u>.

Section 12.18 <u>Bulk Sales Laws</u>. The Parties intend that pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the transfer of the Acquired Assets shall be free and clear of any Encumbrances in the Acquired Assets including any liens or claims arising out of the bulk transfer laws except Permitted Encumbrances, and the Parties shall take such steps as may be necessary or appropriate to so provide in the Sale Order. In furtherance of the foregoing, each Party hereby waives compliance by the Parties with the "bulk sales," "bulk transfers" or similar Laws and all other similar Laws in all applicable jurisdictions in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 12.19 <u>Time of Essence</u>. With regard to all dates and time periods set forth or referred to in this Agreement, time is of the essence.

Section 12.20 <u>Sellers' Representative</u>. Each Party agrees that BBBY has the power and authority to unilaterally act on behalf of all or any of Sellers for the purposes specified under this Agreement. Such power will include the power to make all decisions, actions, Consents and determinations on behalf of Sellers, including to make any waiver of any Closing condition or agree to any amendment to this Agreement. No Seller shall have any right to object, dissent, protest or otherwise contest the same. Buyer shall be entitled to rely on any action or omission taken by BBBY on behalf of Sellers.

[Signature pages follow.]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives, all as of the Effective Date.

Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.		
By: Name: Title:		

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ANNEX A Subsidiary Sellers

EXHIBIT A Form of Sale Order

EXHIBIT BForm of Bill of Sale and Assignment and Assumption Agreement

EXHIBIT C Form of Intellectual Property Assignment Agreement

Exhibit B

Form of Sale Order

Confidential; Subject to FRE 408 & Equivalents

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In re:

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

ORDER (I) APPROVING THE SALE OF ACQUIRED ASSETS FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL CLAIMS, LIENS, RIGHTS, INTERESTS, AND ENCUMBRANCES, (II) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO ENTER INTO AND PERFORM THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE STALKING HORSE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, (III) APPROVING ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS, AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby. The location of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these Chapter 11 Cases is 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

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The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered $[\bullet]([\bullet])$ through $[\bullet]([\bullet])$, is **ORDERED**.

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Upon the motion (the "Motion") [Docket No. 29], of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order (this "Sale Order") (a) authorizing and approving the entry into and performance under the terms and conditions of that certain Asset Purchase Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (as may be amended, supplemented, restated, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement"), by and among certain of the Debtors (the "Sellers") and Overstock.com, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Purchaser"), and all other Transaction Documents, (b) authorizing and approving the sale (collectively, and including all actions taken or required to be taken in connection with the implementation and consummation of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, the "Sale") of those assets set forth in Section 2.1 of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement (the "Acquired Assets"), on an "as is, where is" basis, free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests, except to the extent set forth in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, and the assumption of certain assumed liabilities set forth in Section 2.3 of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement (the "Assumed Liabilities") pursuant to the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement upon the closing of the Sale (the "Closing"), (c) authorizing the assumption and assignment of executory contracts set forth on Exhibit 2 attached hereto, as the same may be subsequently modified

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meaning given to such terms in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the Bidding Procedures Order, as applicable.

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pursuant to the terms of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement (each, an "Assigned Contract," and, collectively, the "Assigned Contracts"), upon the Closing, subject to the cure of any defaults arising under any Assigned Contract in accordance with the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement (the "Cure Costs"), and (d) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having entered the Order (I) Approving the Auction and Bidding Procedures, (II) Approving Stalking Horse Bid Protections, (III) Scheduling Bid Deadlines and an Auction, (IV) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, and (V) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 92] (the "Bidding Procedures Order"); and the Debtors having conducted an auction (the "Auction") for the Acquired Assets; and the Debtors having determined that the Purchaser has submitted the highest or otherwise best bid for the Acquired Assets and determined that the Purchaser is the Successful Bidder [and that [●] is the Backup Bidder (as defined in the Bidding Procedures), in accordance with the Bidding Procedures; and the Court having held a hearing on June 27, 2023 (the "Sale Hearing"), at which time all interested parties were offered an opportunity to be heard with respect to the Motion; and the Court having reviewed and considered the Motion, the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, and any and all objections to the Sale, the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the other Transaction Documents filed in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order; and the Court having heard statements of counsel and the evidence presented in support of the relief requested in the Motion at the Sale Hearing; and upon the First Day Declaration, the Kurtz Declaration, and the Freika Declaration; and it appearing that due notice of the Motion, the Sale Hearing, the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, and the Sale has been (Page | 5)

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deliberation, it is hereby

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provided; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their stakeholders, and all other parties in interest; and it appearing that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter; and it appearing that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Sale Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due

FOUND, CONCLUDED, AND DETERMINED THAT:

Jurisdiction, Venue, and Final Order

- A. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper in this District and in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- B. This Sale Order constitutes a final and appealable order within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 158(a). Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d), and to any extent necessary under Bankruptcy Rule 9014 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b), as made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7054, the Court expressly finds that there is no just reason for delay in the implementation of this Sale Order, and expressly directs entry of judgment as set forth herein.
- C. The findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9014. To the extent any of the following findings of fact constitute

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conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.

Notice of the Motion, Auction, Sale Hearing, Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and Sale, and the Cure Costs

- D. As evidenced by the First Day Declaration, the Kurtz Declaration, the Frejka Declaration, and the affidavits of service and publication previously filed with this Court, proper, timely, adequate, and sufficient notice of the Motion, the Auction, the Sale Hearing, the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, and the Sale has been provided in accordance with sections 102(1), 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007 and 9014. The Debtors have complied with all obligations to provide notice of the Motion, the Auction, the Sale Hearing, the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, and the Sale as required by the Bidding Procedures Order. The foregoing notice was good, sufficient, and appropriate under the circumstances, and no other or further notice of the Motion, the Auction, the Sale Hearing, the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, or the Sale is required.
- E. A reasonable opportunity to object or to be heard regarding the relief requested in the Motion was afforded to all interested persons and entities.
- F. In accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order, the Debtors have served a notice of their intent to assume and assign the Assigned Contracts and of the Cure Payments upon each counterparty to an Assigned Contract. The service and provision of such notice was good, sufficient, and appropriate under the circumstances and no further notice need be given in respect

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of assumption and assignment of the Assigned Contracts or establishing Cure Costs for the respective Assigned Contracts. Counterparties to the Assigned Contracts have had an adequate opportunity to object to assumption and assignment of the applicable Assigned Contracts and the Cure Costs set forth in the notice (including objections related to the adequate assurance of future performance and objections based on whether applicable law excuses the counterparty from accepting performance by, or rendering performance to, the Purchaser (or its designee) for purposes of section 365(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code). All objections, responses, or requests for adequate assurance, if any, have been resolved, overruled, or denied, as applicable.

Highest and Best Offer

- G. As demonstrated by the Kurtz Declaration, the evidence proffered or adduced at the Sale Hearing, and the representations of counsel made on the record at the Sale Hearing, the Debtors conducted a sale process in accordance with, and have, along with the Purchaser, complied in all respects with, the Bidding Procedures Order and afforded a full, fair, and reasonable opportunity for any interested party to make a higher or otherwise better offer to purchase the Acquired Assets and assume the Assumed Liabilities.
- H. (i) The Debtors and their advisors engaged in a robust and extensive marketing and sale process, both prior to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases and through the postpetition sale process in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order and the sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment, as more fully detailed in the First Day Declaration and the

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Kurtz Declaration; (ii) the Debtors conducted a fair and open sale process; (iii) the sale process, the Bidding Procedures, and the Auction were non-collusive, duly noticed, and provided a full, fair, reasonable, and adequate opportunity for any entity that either expressed an interest in acquiring the Acquired Assets, or who the Debtors believed may have had an interest in acquiring the Acquired Assets, to make an offer to purchase the Debtors' assets, including, without limitation the Acquired Assets; (iv) the Debtors and the Purchaser have negotiated and undertaken their roles leading to the entry into the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement in a diligent, non-collusive, fair, reasonable, and good faith manner; and (v) the sale process conducted by the Debtors pursuant to the Bidding Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures resulted in the highest or otherwise best value for the Acquired Assets for the Debtors and their estates, was in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest, and any other transaction would not have yielded as favorable a result. There is no legal or equitable reason to delay entry into the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the transactions contemplated therein.

- I. [The Debtors have also determined, in a valid and sound exercise of their business judgment and in consultation with their advisors and the Consultation Parties, that the next highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid (as defined in the Bidding Procedures) (the "Designated Back-Up Bidder")].
- J. Approval of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, and the consummation of the Sale contemplated thereby, is in the best interests of the Debtors, their respective creditors, estates,

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and other parties in interest. The Debtors have demonstrated good, sufficient, and sound business reasons and justifications for entering into the Sale and the performance of their obligations under the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement.

K. The consummation of the Sale outside a plan of reorganization pursuant to the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement neither impermissibly restructures the rights of the Debtors' creditors nor impermissibly dictates the terms of a plan of reorganization or liquidation for the Debtors. The Sale does not constitute a *sub rosa* chapter 11 plan for which approval has been sought without the protections that a disclosure statement would afford.

L. Entry of an order approving the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and all the provisions thereof is a necessary condition precedent to Purchaser's consummation of the Sale, as set forth in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement.

Personally Identifiable Information

M. The sale, conveyance, assignment and transfer of Personal Information pursuant to the terms of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement complies with the terms of the Debtors' policies regarding the transfer of such personally identifiable information as of the Petition Date and, as a result, consummation of the Sale as set forth in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement is permitted pursuant to section 363(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, appointment of a consumer privacy ombudsman in accordance with sections 363(b)(1) or 332 of the

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Bankruptcy Code is not required with respect to the Sale and the other transactions contemplated by the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, all as more fully set forth in the Frejka Declaration.

Good Faith of Purchaser

N. The consideration to be paid by the Purchaser under the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement was negotiated at arm's-length, in good faith and without collusion pursuant to section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair and adequate consideration for the Acquired Assets. Specifically: (i) the Purchaser recognized that the Debtors were free to deal with any other party interested in purchasing the Acquired Assets; (ii) the Purchaser complied in all respects with the provisions in the Bidding Procedures Order in negotiating and entering into the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, and the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, the other Transaction Documents, and the transactions described therein comply with the Bidding Procedures Order; (iii) the Purchaser agreed to subject any bid to the competitive bid procedures set forth in the Bidding Procedures Order; (iv) all payments made by the Purchaser in connection with the Sale have been disclosed in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement; (v) no common identity of directors, officers, or controlling stockholders exists among the Purchaser and the Debtors; (vi) the negotiation and execution of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the other Transaction Documents were at arm's-length and in good faith, and at all times each of the Purchaser and the Debtors were represented by competent counsel of their choosing; (vii) the Purchaser did not in any way induce

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or cause the chapter 11 filing of the Debtors; and (viii) the Purchaser has not acted in a collusive manner with any person. The Purchaser will be acting in good faith within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code in closing the transactions contemplated by the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. The terms and conditions set forth in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement are fair and reasonable under the circumstances and were not entered into for the purpose of, nor do they have the effect of, hindering, delaying, or defrauding the Debtors or their creditors under any applicable laws.

O. The Debtors, the Purchaser, and each of their respective management, boards of directors, members, officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives, have acted in good faith. The Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, and each of the transactions contemplated therein, were negotiated, proposed, and entered into by the Debtors and the Purchaser in good faith, without collusion or fraud, and from arm's-length bargaining positions. The Purchaser is a "good faith purchaser" within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and, as such, is entitled to all the protections afforded thereby.

No Fraudulent Transfer

P. The consideration provided by the Purchaser pursuant to the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement for its purchase of the Acquired Assets and the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy

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Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, and under

the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession, or the District of Columbia.

Q. Neither the Purchaser nor its past, present and future subsidiaries, parents,

divisions, affiliates, agents, representatives, insurers, attorneys, successors and assigns, nor any

of its nor their respective directors, managers, officers, employees, shareholders, members,

agents, representatives, attorneys, contractors, subcontractors, independent contractors, owners,

insurance companies or partners (collectively, the "Purchaser Parties") is a continuation of the

Debtors or their respective estates and no Purchaser Party is holding itself out to the public as a

continuation of the Debtors or their respective estates and the Sale does not amount to a

consolidation, merger, or de facto merger of the Purchaser (or any other Purchaser Party) and the

Debtors.

Validity of Transfer

R. The Debtors' boards of directors have authorized the execution and delivery of the

Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the Sale of the Acquired Assets to the Purchaser (or its

designee). The Debtors and their affiliates (i) have full corporate power and authority to execute

and deliver the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and all other documents contemplated

thereby, as applicable, (ii) have all of the power and authority necessary to consummate the Sale,

and (iii) have taken all action necessary to authorize and approve the Purchase Agreement and to

consummate the Sale, and no further consents or approvals, other than those expressly provided

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for in the Purchase Agreement, are required for the Debtors to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, except as otherwise set forth in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement. The Acquired Assets constitute property of the Debtors' estates within the meaning of section 541(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and title thereto is presently vested in the Debtors' estates.

Section 363(f) Is Satisfied

S. The Sale of the Acquired Assets to the Purchaser (or its designee) and the assumption and assignment to the Purchaser (or its designee) of the Assigned Contracts under the terms of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement meets the applicable provisions of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code such that the Sale of the Acquired Assets will be free and clear of any and all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances, and will not subject any Purchaser Party to any liability for any liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances whatsoever (including, without limitation, under any theory of equitable law, antitrust, or successor or transferee liability), except as expressly provided in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement with respect to the Assumed Liabilities. All holders of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances who did not object, or withdrew their objections to the Sale, are deemed to have consented to the Sale pursuant to section 363(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, and all holders of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances are adequately protected—thus satisfying section 363(e) of the Bankruptcy Code—by having their liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances, if any, attach to the proceeds of the Sale

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ultimately attributable to the property against or in which they assert liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances, or other specifically dedicated funds, in the same order of priority and with the same validity, force, and effect that such holder had prior to the Sale, subject to any rights, claims, and defenses of the Debtors or their estates, as applicable. Those holders of claims who did object and that have an interest in the Acquired Assets fall within one or more of the other subsections of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

T. The transfer of the Acquired Assets to the Purchaser (or its designee) under the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement will be a legal, valid, and effective transfer of all of the legal, equitable, and beneficial right, title, and interest in and to the Acquired Assets free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances, except as expressly provided in the Purchase Agreement with respect to the Assumed Liabilities. The Debtors may sell their interests in the Acquired Assets free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances because, in each case, one or more of the standards set forth in section 363(f) has been satisfied. The Purchaser would not have entered into the Transaction Documents and would not consummate the transactions contemplated thereby, including, without limitation, the Sale and the assumption and assignment of the Assigned Contracts (i) if the transfer of the Acquired Assets was not free and clear of all interest of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, rights or claims based on any successor, transferee, derivative or vicarious liability or any similar theory and/or applicable state or federal law or otherwise or (ii) if the Purchaser or any of its affiliates or designees would, or in the future could, be liable for any interests, including, without limitation,

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rights or claims based on any successor, transferee, derivative or vicarious liability or any similar theory and/or applicable state or federal law or otherwise, in each case subject only to the Assumed Liabilities. Not transferring the Acquired Assets free and clear of all interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, rights or claims based on any successor, transferee, derivative or vicarious liability or any similar theory and/or applicable state or federal law or otherwise (subject only to the Assumed Liabilities), would adversely impact the Debtors' efforts to maximize the value of their estates.

Assumption and Assignment of the Assigned Contracts

U. The assumption and assignment of the Assigned Contracts pursuant to the terms of this Sale Order are integral to the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, are in the best interests of the Debtors and their respective estates, creditors, and other parties in interest, and represent the reasonable exercise of sound and prudent business judgment by the Debtors.

V. The Debtors have met all requirements of section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for each of the Assigned Contracts. The Debtors have (i) cured and/or provided adequate assurance of cure of any default existing prior to the Closing under all of the Assigned Contracts, within the meaning of section 365(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) provided compensation or adequate assurance of compensation to any counterparty for actual pecuniary loss to such party resulting from a default prior to the Closing under any of the Assigned Contracts. The Purchaser has provided adequate assurance of future performance within the

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meaning of sections 365(b)(1)(C) and 365(f)(2)(B) and in accordance with the Bidding Procedures to the extent that any such assurance is required and not waived by the counterparties to such Assigned Contracts.

W. At any time prior to the rejection of an executory contract, the Debtors shall have the right, in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order, to serve a Supplemental Assumption Notice (as defined in the Bidding Procedures Order) upon any non-Debtor counterparty thereto indicating the Debtors' intent to assume and assign such executory contract. The objection deadline for all Assigned Contracts, other than those subject to a Supplemental Assumption Notice, lapsed on [•], 2023. Objections, if any, to the proposed assumption and assignment or the Cure Costs proposed in any Supplemental Assumption Notice with respect thereto, must (i) be in writing, (ii) comply with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the Case Management Order, (iii) state with specificity the nature of the objection and, if the objection pertains to the proposed Cure Costs, the correct Cure Costs alleged by the objecting counterparty, together with any applicable and appropriate documentation in support thereof, and (iv) be filed with the Court and served upon, so as to be actually received by, counsel to the Debtors and counsel to the Stalking Horse Bidder. If the parties cannot agree on a resolution, the Debtors will seek an expedited hearing before the Court to determine the Cure Costs and approve the assumption and assignment to Purchaser. If there is no objection prior to the applicable objection deadline, then the counterparties will be deemed to have consented to the assumption and assignment to Purchaser and the Cure Costs, and such assumption and assignment to

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Purchaser and the Cure Costs shall be deemed approved by this Sale Order without further order of this Court.

X. The (i) transfer of the Acquired Assets to the Purchaser and (ii) assignment to the Purchaser of the Assigned Contracts, will not subject the Purchaser or any of its affiliates or designees to any liability whatsoever that arises prior to the Closing or by reason of such transfer under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, or possession thereof, or the District of Columbia, based, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, on any theory of law or equity, including, without limitation, any theory of equitable law, any theory of antitrust, successor, transferee, derivative, or vicarious liability or any similar theory and/or applicable state or federal law or otherwise.

Prompt Consummation

Y. Based on the record of the Sale Hearing, and for the reasons stated on the record at the Sale Hearing, the sale of the Acquired Assets must be approved and consummated promptly to preserve the value of the Acquired Assets. Time, therefore, is of the essence in effectuating the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement. As such, the Debtors and the Purchaser intend to close the sale of the Acquired Assets as soon as reasonably practicable. The Debtors have demonstrated compelling circumstances and a good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the immediate approval and consummation of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement.

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Accordingly, there is sufficient cause to waive the stay provided in the Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

General Provisions

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED to the extent set forth herein.
- 2. All objections to or reservation of rights with respect to the Motion or the relief requested therein that have not been withdrawn or resolved are overruled with prejudice. All persons and entities who did not object or withdraw their objections to the Motion are deemed to have consented pursuant to section 363(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. The Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, and all terms and conditions thereof, are hereby approved in all respects. The failure to specifically include any particular provision of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement or the Transaction Documents in this Sale Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision.
- 4. [The Designated Back-Up Bidder is hereby approved as the Back-Up Bidder (as defined in the Bidding Procedures), and the Designated Back-Up Bid is hereby approved and authorized as the Back-Up Bid (as defined in the Bidding Procedures). To the extent necessary, the terms and conditions of the Back-Up Bid will be fully determined and approved at a later date pursuant to a separate sale order consistent with the terms of the Back-Up Bid.]

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Transfer of the Acquired Assets as set forth in the Purchase Agreement

5. The Debtors are authorized and directed to (a) take any and all actions necessary or

appropriate to perform, consummate, implement, and close the Sale in accordance with the terms

and conditions set forth in the Transaction Documents and this Sale Order, (b) assume and assign

any and all Assigned Contracts, and (c) take all further actions and execute and deliver the

Transaction Documents and any and all additional instruments and documents that may be

necessary or appropriate to implement the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the other

Transaction Documents and consummate the Sale in accordance with the terms thereof, all without

further order of the Court.

6. The Purchaser is not acquiring any of the Excluded Assets or assuming any of the

Excluded Liabilities.

7. All persons and entities are prohibited and enjoined from taking any action to

adversely affect or interfere with, or which would be inconsistent with, the ability of the Debtors

to transfer the Acquired Assets to the Purchaser (or its designee) in accordance with the Stalking

Horse Purchase Agreement, the other Transaction Document and this Sale Order.

8. At Closing, all of the Debtors' right, title, and interest in and to, and possession of,

the Acquired Assets shall be immediately vested in the Purchaser (or its designee) pursuant to

sections 105(a), 363(b), 363(f), and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. Such transfer shall constitute a

legal, valid, enforceable, and effective transfer of the Acquired Assets. All persons or entities,

presently or at or after the Closing, in possession of some or all of the Acquired Assets, are directed

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to surrender possession of any and all portions of the Acquired Assets to the Purchaser (or its designee) or its respective designees on the Closing or at such time thereafter as the Purchaser (or its designee) may request.

9. This Sale Order (a) shall be effective as a determination that, as of the Closing, (i) no claims other than the Assumed Liabilities will be assertable against any Purchaser Party or any of its respective assets, (ii) the Acquired Assets shall have been transferred to the Purchaser (or its designee) free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances, subject only to the Assumed Liabilities, and (iii) the conveyances described herein have been effected, and (b) is and shall be binding upon and govern the acts of all entities, including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, registrars of patents, trademarks, or other intellectual property, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal and local officials, and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register, or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments; and each of the foregoing persons and entities is hereby directed to accept for filing any and all of the documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. The Acquired Assets are sold free and clear of any reclamation rights. All liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances on the Acquired Assets shall attach to the proceeds of the Sale ultimately attributable to the property against which such liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances applied or other specifically dedicated funds, in the same order of priority and with

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the same validity, force, and effect that such liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances applied prior to the Sale, subject to any rights, claims, and defenses of the Debtors or their estates, as applicable, or as otherwise provided herein.

10. Except as otherwise provided in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, all persons and entities (and their respective successors and assigns), including, but not limited to, all debt security holders, equity security holders, affiliates, governmental, tax, and regulatory authorities, lenders, customers, vendors, employees, trade creditors, litigation claimants, and other creditors holding claims arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to, the Debtors, the Acquired Assets, and the ownership, sale, or operation of the Acquired Assets prior to Closing or the transfer of the Acquired Assets to the Purchaser (or its designee), are hereby forever barred, estopped, and permanently enjoined from asserting such claims against any Purchaser Party and its property (including, without limitation, the Acquired Assets). Following the Closing, no holder of any claim or interest shall interfere with the Purchaser's (or its designee's) title to or use and enjoyment of the Acquired Assets based on or related to any such claim or interest, or based on any action the Debtor may take in their Chapter 11 cases.

11. If any person or entity that has filed financing statements, mortgages, mechanic's claims, lis pendens, or other documents or agreements evidencing claims against the Debtors or in the Acquired Assets shall not have delivered to the Debtors prior to the Closing of the Sale, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, and/or releases of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances that the person or

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entity has with respect to the Debtors or the Acquired Assets or otherwise, then only with regard to the Acquired Assets that are purchased by the Purchaser (or its designee) pursuant to the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and this Sale Order, (a) the Debtors are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases, and other documents on behalf of the person or entity with respect to the Acquired Assets, (b) the Purchaser (or its designee) is hereby authorized to file, register, or otherwise record a certified copy of this Sale Order, which, once filed, registered, or otherwise recorded, shall constitute conclusive evidence of the release of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances against the Purchaser Parties and the Acquired Assets, and (c) upon consummation of the Sale, the Purchaser (or its designee) may seek in this Court or any other court to compel appropriate parties to execute termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, and releases of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances that are extinguished or otherwise released pursuant to this Sale Order under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, and any other provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to the Acquired Assets. This Sale Order is deemed to be in recordable form sufficient to be placed in the filing or recording system of each and every federal, state, or local government agency, department, or office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this Sale Order authorizing the Sale and assignment of the Acquired Assets free and clear of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances shall be self-executing and neither the Debtors nor the Purchaser (or its designee) shall be required to execute or file releases, termination statements, assignments, consents, or other instruments to effectuate, consummate, and implement the provisions of this Sale Order.

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No Successor or Transferee Liability

- 12. No Purchaser Party shall be deemed, as a result of any action taken in connection with the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, the consummation of the Sale contemplated by the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, or the transfer, operation, or use of the Acquired Assets to (a) be a legal successor, or otherwise be deemed a successor to the Debtors (other than, for the Purchaser, with respect to any Assumed Liabilities arising after the Closing), (b) have, de facto or otherwise, merged with or into the Debtors, or (c) be an alter ego or a mere continuation or substantial continuation of the Debtors or the enterprise of the Debtors including, without limitation, within the meaning of any foreign, federal, state, or local revenue law, pension law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), tax law, labor law, products liability law, employment law, environmental law, or other law, rule, or regulation (including, without limitation, filing requirements under any such laws, rules or regulations), or under any products liability law or doctrine with respect to the Debtors' liability under such law, rule, or regulation.
- 13. Immediately prior to the Closing, the Purchaser was not an "insider" or "affiliate" of the Debtors, as those terms are defined in the Bankruptcy Code, and no common identity of incorporators, directors or controlling stockholders existed between the Purchaser and the Debtors.
- 14. Other than as expressly set forth in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, no Purchaser Party shall have any responsibility for (a) any liability or other obligation of the Debtors or related to the Acquired Assets or (b) any claims against the Debtors or any of their predecessors

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or affiliates. Except as expressly provided in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement with respect to the Purchaser, no Purchaser Party shall have any liability whatsoever with respect to the Debtors' (or their predecessors' or affiliates') respective businesses or operations or any of the Debtors' (or their predecessors' or affiliates') obligations (as defined herein, "Successor or Transferee Liability") based, in whole or part, directly or indirectly, on any theory of successor or vicarious liability of any kind or character, or based upon any theory of antitrust, environmental, successor, or transferee liability, de facto merger or substantial continuity, labor and employment or products liability, whether known or unknown as of the Closing, now existing or hereafter arising, asserted or unasserted, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, including, without limitation, liabilities on account of (a) any taxes arising, accruing, or payable under, out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities prior to the Closing or in respect of pre-Closing periods or (b) any plan, agreement, practice, policy, or program, whether written or unwritten, providing for pension, retirement, health, welfare, compensation or other employee benefits which is or has been sponsored, maintained or contributed to by any Debtor or with respect to which any Debtor has any liability, whether or not contingent, including, without limitation, any "multiemployer plan" (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA) or "pension plan" (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) to which any Debtor has at any time contributed, or had any obligation to contribute. No Purchaser Party shall have any liability or obligation under any applicable law, including, without limitation, (a) the WARN Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 2101 et seq.), (b) the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and

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Liability Act, (c) the Age Discrimination and Employment Act of 1967 (as amended), (d) the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), (e) the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. (the "NLRA"), or (f) any foreign, federal, state, or local labor, employment or environmental law, by virtue of the Purchaser's purchase of the Acquired Assets, assumption of the Assumed Liabilities, or hiring of certain employees of the Debtors pursuant to the terms of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, no Purchaser Party shall have any liability or obligation with respect to any environmental liabilities of the Debtors or any environmental liabilities associated with the Acquired Assets.

15. Effective upon the Closing, all persons and entities are forever prohibited and enjoined from commencing or continuing in any matter any action or other proceeding, whether in law or equity, in any judicial, administrative, arbitral, or other proceeding against any Purchaser Party or their respective assets (including, without limitation, the Acquired Assets), with respect to any (a) claim in these Chapter 11 cases or in connection with or related to the Sale or the Debtors or (b) Successor or Transferee Liability including, without limitation, the following actions with respect to clauses (a) and (b): (i) commencing or continuing any action or other proceeding pending or threatened; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering in any manner any judgment, award, decree, or order; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any lien, claim, interest, or encumbrance; (iv) asserting any setoff, right of subrogation, or recoupment of any kind; (v) commencing or continuing any action, in any manner or place, that does not comply with, or is inconsistent with, the provisions of this Sale Order or other orders of this Court, or the

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agreements or actions contemplated or taken in respect hereof; or (vi) revoking, terminating, failing, or refusing to renew any license, permit, or authorization to operate any business in connection with the Acquired Assets or conduct any of the businesses operated with respect to such assets.

Good Faith of Purchaser

- 16. The Sale contemplated by the Purchase Agreement is undertaken by the Purchaser without collusion and in good faith, as that term is defined in section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Sale shall not affect the validity of the Sale (including, without limitation, the assumption and assignment of the Assigned Contracts), unless such authorization and consummation of such Sale are duly and properly stayed pending such appeal.
- 17. Neither the Debtors nor the Purchaser have engaged in any action or inaction that would cause or permit the Sale to be avoided or costs or damages to be imposed under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code. The consideration provided by the Purchaser for the Acquired Assets under the Purchase Agreement is fair and reasonable and the Sale may not be avoided, and costs and damages may not be imposed, under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Assumption and Assignment of Assigned Contracts

18. The Debtors are authorized and directed at the Closing to assume and assign each of the Assigned Contracts to the Purchaser (or its designee) pursuant to sections 105(a) and 365 of

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the Bankruptcy Code and to execute and deliver to the Purchaser (or its designee) such documents or other instruments as may be necessary to assign and transfer the Assigned Contracts to the Purchaser (or its designee). The payment of the applicable Cure Costs (if any) shall (a) effect a cure of all defaults existing thereunder as of the Closing and (b) compensate for any actual pecuniary loss to such counterparty resulting from such default.

19. Pursuant to section 365(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, subject to the payment of the applicable Cure Costs, the Assigned Contracts to be assumed and assigned under the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement shall be assigned and transferred to, and remain in full force and effect for the benefit of, the Purchaser (or its designee) notwithstanding any provision in the contracts or other restrictions prohibiting their assignment or transfer. Any provisions in any Assigned Contract that prohibit or condition the assignment of such Assigned Contract to the Purchaser (or its designee) or allow the counterparty to such Assigned Contract to terminate, recapture, impose any penalty, condition on renewal or extension, or modify any term or condition upon the assignment of such Assigned Contract to the Purchaser (or its designee), constitute unenforceable anti-assignment provisions that are void and of no force and effect. All other requirements and conditions under sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code for the assumption by the Debtors and assignment to the Purchaser (or its designee) of the Assigned Contracts have been satisfied. Upon the Closing, in accordance with sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Purchaser (or its designee) shall be fully and irrevocably vested with all right, title, and interest of the Debtors under the Assigned Contracts, and such Assigned Contracts shall remain in full force and effect (Page | 28)

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for the benefit of the Purchaser (or its designee). Each counterparty to the Assigned Contracts shall be forever barred, estopped, and permanently enjoined from (a) asserting against the Debtors or any Purchaser Party or their respective property any assignment fee, acceleration, default, breach or claim or pecuniary loss, or condition to assignment existing, arising or accruing as of the Closing or arising by reason of the Closing, including, without limitation, any breach related to or arising out of change-in-control provisions in such Assigned Contracts, or any purported written or oral modification to the Assigned Contracts and (b) asserting against any Purchaser Party (or its respective property, including, without limitation, the Acquired Assets) any claim, counterclaim, defense, breach, condition, or setoff asserted, or assertable against the Debtors existing as of the Closing or arising by reason of the Closing except for the Assumed Liabilities.

20. Upon the Closing and the payment of the relevant Cure Costs, if any, the Purchaser (or its designee) shall be deemed to be substituted for the Debtors as a party to the applicable Assigned Contracts and the Debtors shall be released, pursuant to section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, from any liability under the Assigned Contracts. There shall be no assignment fees, increases, or any other fees charged to the Purchaser (or its designee) or the Debtors as a result of the assumption and assignment of the Assigned Contracts. The failure of the Debtors or the Purchaser (or its designee) to enforce at any time one or more terms or conditions of any Assigned Contract shall not be a waiver of such terms or conditions or of the right of the Debtors or the Purchaser (or its designee), as the case may be, to enforce every term and condition of such Assigned Contract. The validity of the assumption and assignment of any Assigned Contract to

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the Purchaser (or its designee) shall not be affected by any existing dispute between the Debtors and any counterparty to such Assigned Contract. Any party that may have had the right to consent to the assignment of any Assigned Contract is deemed to have consented for the purposes of section 365(e)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code.

21. All defaults or other obligations of the Debtors under the Assigned Contracts arising or accruing after the Sale Objection Deadline and prior to the Closing (without giving effect to any acceleration clauses or any default provisions of the kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) shall be cured on the Closing, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable.

22. The assignments of each of the Assigned Contracts are made in good faith under sections 363(b) and (m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Other Provisions

23. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, and in accordance with the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, the Purchaser (or its designee) shall be authorized, as of the Closing, to operate under any license, permit, registration, and governmental authorization or approval (collectively, the "Licenses") of the Debtors with respect to the Acquired Assets. To the extent the Purchaser (or its designee) cannot operate under any Licenses in accordance with the previous sentence, such Licenses shall be in effect while the Purchaser (or its designee), with assistance from the Debtors, works promptly and diligently to apply for and secure all necessary government approvals for new issuance of Licenses to the Purchaser (or its designee). The Debtors

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shall maintain the Licenses in good standing to the fullest extent allowed by applicable law for the Purchaser's benefit until equivalent new Licenses are issued to the Purchaser (or its designee).

24. To the extent provided by section 525 of the Bankruptcy Code, no governmental unit may revoke or suspend any permit or License relating to the Acquired Assets sold, transferred, or conveyed to the Purchaser (or its designee) on account of the filing or pendency of these chapter 11 cases or the consummation of the Sale contemplated by the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement.

- 25. The automatic stay pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code is hereby lifted with respect to the Debtors to the extent necessary, without further order of the Court, (a) to allow the Purchaser to give the Debtors any notice provided for in the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, (b) to allow the Purchaser to take any and all actions permitted by the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, including, without limitation, effectuating the Sale and the other transactions contemplated by the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and (c) to otherwise implement the terms and provisions of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and this Sale Order.
- 26. The terms and provisions of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, the other Transaction Documents and this Sale Order shall be binding in all respects upon the Debtors, their affiliates, their estates, all creditors of (whether known or unknown) and holders of equity interests in any Debtor, any holders of claims against or on all or any portion of the Acquired Assets, all counterparties to the Assigned Contracts, the Purchaser, and all of their respective successors and

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examiner(s), or receiver(s).

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assigns including, but not limited to, any subsequent trustee(s), examiner(s), or receiver(s) appointed in any of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases or upon conversion to Chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code, as to which trustee(s), examiner(s), or receiver(s) such terms and provisions likewise shall be binding. The Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement shall not be subject to rejection or avoidance by the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, their shareholders, or any trustee(s),

- 27. The terms and provisions of this Sale Order and any actions taken pursuant hereto shall survive entry of an order which may be entered: (a) confirming any chapter 11 plan in any of these chapter 11 cases; (b) converting any of the chapter 11 cases to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) dismissing any of the Chapter 11 cases; or (d) pursuant to which this Court abstains from hearing any of the chapter 11 cases. The terms and provisions of this Sale Order, notwithstanding the entry of any such orders described in (a)-(d) above, shall continue in these chapter 11 cases, or following dismissal of these chapter 11 cases.
- 28. Each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency, department, or official is hereby directed to accept any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.
- 29. The Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement and the Sale contemplated hereunder shall not be subject to any bulk sales laws or any similar law of any state or jurisdiction.
- 30. The Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement may be modified, amended, or supplemented by the parties thereto in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of

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the Court, provided that any such modification, amendment, or supplement does not, based on the

Debtors' business judgment, and in consultation with the Consultation Parties (as defined in the

Bidding Procedures), have a material adverse effect on the Debtors' estates or their creditors.

The Debtors shall provide the Consultation Parties with prior notice of any such modification,

amendment, or supplement of the Purchase Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, all other

modifications, amendments, or supplements that have a material adverse effect on the Debtors'

estates or their creditors shall require Court approval.

31. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall modify, alter, impair, or otherwise

affect any of the provisions of the Final DIP Order or the DIP Documents (as defined in the Final

DIP Order), or the rights or remedies of the DIP Agent or the DIP Secured Parties under the DIP

Documents except with respect to the Acquired Assets.

32. All time periods set forth in this Sale Order shall be calculated in accordance with

Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

33. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h), 6006(d),

7062, and 9014 or otherwise, the terms and conditions of this Sale Order shall be effective

immediately upon entry and the Debtors and the Purchaser are authorized to close the Sale

immediately upon entry of this Sale Order.

34. To the extent there is any conflict between the terms of this Sale Order and the

Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, the terms of this Sale Order shall control. Nothing contained

in any chapter 11 plan hereinafter confirmed in these chapter 11 cases or any order confirming

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such chapter 11 plan, or any other order of the Court, shall conflict with or derogate from the provisions of the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement or any other Transaction Document or the terms of this Sale Order, unless otherwise agreed by the Debtors and the Purchaser.

35. The Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction with respect to the terms and provisions of this Sale Order and the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement.